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Peres to announce early elections to nation tonight

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is expected to announce to the nation tonight that he is bringing

forward election day.

May 28 is his target date, though Labor's strategy may be to bargain with the other factions by first suggesting May 21 and then "compromising" on May 28.

May 21 is seen by some as problematic because it is a few days before Shavuot. Any date later than May 28 is also considered problematic; if a run-off is necessary in the direct election for prime minister, it would fall in mid-to-late June, after schools close for summer vacation and people begin going abroad.

Peres will spend today meeting with representatives of Meretz. and with Hadash and the Democratic Arab Party, which have been propping up his minority government. He will be seeking to ensure a majority for the legislative moves necessary to advance the election date.

Meretz is not eager to go to early elections because it is doing badly in current public opinion polls, but will find it politically difficult to oppose Peres. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said last night that "though Meretz considers early elections unnecessary, it will try to help La-

Hadash has also said it opposes early elections, as has the DAP. Both apparently fear the challenge posed by the new party being formed by Ahmed Tibi, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser. Peres will nevertheless try to convince them to support his ma-

He will also seek support from The Third Way, which has not yet declared itself a party. He will confer with its MKs, Avigdor Ka-halani and Emanuel Zissman who are, formally, still members of his own Labor faction.

With elections slated to be moved up, The Third Way plans a ceremony on Tuesday, to be attended by President Ezer Weizman, at which the new party will be launched.

At 7 this evening, Peres will convene the Labor ministers and inform them that he has decided

AN IDF soldier and a South

Lebanese Army soldier were

wounded in separate incidents

inside the security zone

yesterday, following a two-day

hill in fighting.

The IDF soldier was lightly

wounded when a roadside bomb

was detonated alongside his

armored personnel carrier in the

Beit Yahoun area, in the zone's

western sector, early yesterday

in favor of early elections - a decision the ministers know was

actually made weeks ago.
Then, an hour later, Peres will call a press conference and announce his decision.

Labor Knesset whip Ra'anan Cohen will this week begin the legislative process to dissolve the 13th Knesset and set the new election date.

The idea is to shore up a majority for the May 28 date Labor prefers, so that all contacts with the Likud will be no more than formalities, with no need for any real bargaining.

The Likud reacted with a statement yesterday that said: "Finally Peres has deigned to tell the people what he has already relayed even to the Syrian president. So far there have been no substantive contacts with the Liknd at all. The few times Cohen conferred with Likud Knesset faction chairman Moshe Katsav were only for public consumption, without so much as even a mention of a date."

Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu has ordered his MKs not to discuss preferred dates with the media or with Labor politicians until official word comes down from the prime minister. Meanwhile, Likud and Tsomet

representatives will meet together tomorrow to begin drawing up a joint campaign strategy. Sever-al public relations experts are expected to attend the meeting.

MK Michael Eitan of the Likud will sponsor a bill allowing all those who turn 18 by the May election date to vote. Labor will cek to push through a bill rescinding present regulations for-bidding the screening of candidates' faces on TV in regular newscasts a month before the elections.

Labor also seeks to restrict election propaganda to Channel 1. The Likud, however, demands that it be allowed on Channel 2 as well, charging that "Labor seeks to flood the regular newscasts with its leaders, while denying equal time to the opposition and banning the opposition to election spots on the low-rated Chan-

in the zone's central sector,

came under heavy fire from

mortars, missiles, and machine

wounded during the exchanges, although it was not clear

whether this was from the firing

The soldier was treated in the

field before being evacuated to the nearby Bint J'bail Hospital,

or from another roadside bomb.

An SLA soldier was lightly

Some of the damage caused yesterday by an IRA terrorist bombing at London's Docklands

business district. Two persons were reported killed and more than 100 wounded. (Reuter)

IRA bomb kills at least two, ends 17-month cease-fire

called the bombing "terrible and cowardly." "This attack was

aimed at the growing prospects

for peace, a just and lasting

The president said the cease-

fire by the armed militias of

Northern Ireland had given the

people there "the greatest gift of

all, the simple blessings of a nor-

effect," Clinton said, "people of all faiths have been able to go

about their daily lives without the

disruption of searches and road-

blocks, especially without fear of

that path now," he said. "No one and no organization has the right

We must not turn away from

Sinn Fein president Gerry Ad-

ams firmly blamed Britain for the

collapsing peace process and re-

fused to condemn the IRA blast.

tion now and need to rectify it,'

the head of the banned Irish Re-

publican Army's political wing

told BBC radio 18 hours after the

truce broke down. The republi-

can leader pointed the finger at

Britain's refusal to convene all-

party talks until the IRA dis-

armed and a veto on such talks by

the province's Protestant Union-

ists, who want Northern Ireland

"As far as I am concerned, this

phase of the peace process has

floundered on a British high-risk

strategy and Unionist refusal to

engage."
Adams, who is seeking urgent

talks with the British and Irish

governments, strenuously denied

any prior knowledge of the biast.
"I had no pre-knowledge of

what was going to occur," he said, commenting on reports that

to remain a British province.

"We are in a very grave situa-

the bullet and the bomb."

to deny a peaceful future."

"Since the cease-fire went into

peace," he said.

LONDON - The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility vesterday for a bomb attack that shook a London business district and shattered hopes for peace in

Northern Ireland. One body was found in the rubble yesterday afternoon, police said, but they could not immediately identify it. Another body was later pulled from the

rubble, Scotland Yard said. Britain yesterday accused the IRA of blasting the Northern Ireland peace process after the massive car bomb blew apart a 17-

month-old cease-fire.
The IRA's political arm Sinn Fein refused to condemn the bombing and blamed British intransigence for wasting an opportunity to end more than 25 years

The IRA has once again callously threatened the desire for peace," said British Prime Minister John Major in a statement. "We will assess carefully and coolly this challenge to the peace process and the way ahead. The prize of peace is too precious to

be squandered," Major said. More than 100 people were injured by flying glass and debris in the bombing in the Docklands commercial district east of London. The IRA claimed responsibility vesterday after declaring an end to its cease-fire minutes before the blast.

Police said the estimated halfton bomb was left in a vehicle near an overhead railway bridge. Much of the area was cleared after warnings but the blast wrecked about 15 office buildings, causing million of pounds of damage.

In an unusually strong statement, Queen Elizabeth called the attack an "outrage" and said she was shocked and saddened at "this sickening act of violence." Also shocked by the London bomb, President Bill Clinton said

yesterday he will do all in his

HEAVY snow forced the clo-

sure of the Mt. Hermon ski site

yesterday, as the country had

another brief spell of winter

Rain fell in the northern and

central areas yesterday often ac-

companied by strong winds and

some thunderstorms. The wet,

wintry weather, which replaced

he had telephoned the White House in Washington before the London blast saying that he had power "to make sure the enemies of peace do not prevail." Clinton heard "disturbing news."

Adams indicated that he had rung the White House to apprise it of rumors that the IRA was about to call off its truce.

Pressed to condemn the bombing, he said that "I am not involved or engaged in the politics of selective condemnation [which] have played no useful role in the past 25 years of conflict." Adams said: "My sympathy and my thoughts are with those who were injured last night...It is not my business to attempt to defend military actions, particularly those in which civilians are injured, no matter

how inadvertently." Steel-gray skies and steel-gray armored vehicles set the mood in Belfast where yesterday morning brought a reluctant return to old realities. Shoppers turned up collars against familiar gusts of wind and rain; they were less sure what to make of the return of the armored cars manned by police wearing flak jackets and assault

"It doesn't bear thinking about," said Brady Harvey, eyes cast down over the headline spread over the Belfast Telegraph she was tucking into her grocery bag: "Cease-fire shattered."
The IRA bombing reverberat-

ed strongly in Belfast where many feared more violence would follow - next time closer to home. Since the cease-fires in 1994, this elegant harbor city. surrounded by rolling green hills, had dropped its dour look and began to flourish a little. Protestants and Catholics shopped in each others' neighborhoods and even crammed inside a few select pubs together.

"We just couldn't go back," Harvey said. (Background, Page 3)

Wintry weather blasts through country

laser downs live Katyusha in second test STEVE RODAN and HILLEL KUTTLER siles, cruise missiles, and manned IN a precedent-setting dis-

Nautilus

play of weapons technology, Israel and the US used a laser Friday to destroy a live short-range Katyusha rocket in flight, culminating nine months of testing the joint Nautilus program. US officials said.

Officials said a high-energy laser focused on an Israeli rocket for some 15 seconds, resulting in the explosion of the warhead and its destruction. On Tuesday, the laser succeeded in intercepting a Katyusha rocket without a warhead.

A Pentagon official said the significance of Friday's test was that it was "the first time that a warhead was exploded in flight by any developmental or operational weapons system via laser.'

US officials called Friday's demonstration at a US Army facility in New Mexico a complete success, and said it ends a key stage in the development of the Nautilus program, which aims to evaluate lasers as a tactical air defense system against rockets. mortars and unmanned air reconnaissance vehicles.

The officials said Israel and the US have proved the feasibility of destroying a short-range rocket at far less cost than other antimissile projects, whereby a missile is launched to intercept and

destroy an enemy missile. This provides the advantage of being able to cost-effectively negate cheap threats proliferating worldwide," a US Army official said. "It is estimated that lasers could kill short-range rockets at one-hundredth the cost of ballistic missiles."

A Pentagon official estimated that each laser shoot-down will eventually cost \$3,000, a fraction of the cost of a missile firing.

"We believe only a laser system has the necessary precision and fast response time to address this class of threats. It's extremely difficult for a missile defense system to defeat short-range, ground-to-ground rockets. You're talking about a cost-effective way to deal with a present threat," the Pentagon official

The army official said shortrange rockets have become the weapon of choice for terrorist groups such as Hizbullah in Lebanon and the Taleban rebel militia in Afghanistan. Both groups have acquired small, inexpensive rockets that are launched against civilian populations.

Army officials said the Nautilus technology could be used against ballistic missiles as well. Already, several US defense contractors are developing an airborne laser that could destroy a ballistic missile in the initial launch period.

The laser technology will even-tually be used against fixed and winged aircraft, radiation mis-

and unmanned air threats, the official said.

"We need to come together and focus our energies on directed energy," said Lt.-Gen. Jay Garner, commander of the Army's Space and Strategic Defense Command, which is conducting the tests in White Sands, New Mexico. "This is 21st-century stuff."

Israeli officials said they are pleased by the successes, but stressed that Nautilus remains in an early stage of development and that its feasibility remains in question.

The key question now, the Israeli officials said, is whether small rockets, such as Katyushas, can be tracked by radar early enough so that a laser beam can be directed at the projectile with enough time to destroy it.

Efraim Inbar, head of Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies, agreed.

"Obviously, this is a very important development and we should not minimize it," he said. But this significance is not strategic. This is a short-range defense system for the battlefield. It does not solve the problems of long-range missiles.

Israel has maintained a low profile in the Nautilus program and at one point asked not to be named as a partner. A senior defense source said Israel had preferred to keep the program secret so as to surprise its enemies during wartime.

Indeed, in announcing Tuesday's success of the Nautilus against an inert rocket, US Army officials did not mention Israel as a partner in the program. But, the Israeli source said, Pentagon officials decided to include Israel in the latest successful test in an effort to persuade Congress to

lks

maintain funding for Nautilus. US officials said Nautilus has a \$5 million budget this year, with Israel contributing \$900,000. They said Congress has not allocated more money for the program in the defense budget for fiscal 1997 but hope that federal lawmakers will change their minds.

Hours after the test, US Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico called the success "confirmation that lasers can be used to destroy short-range rockets." Domenici, a supporter of Nautilus, added that the laser program "can have very big ramifications. defensively and budget-wise, as the US and its allies deal with weapons proliferation in unstable regions of the world."

The Nautilus program was begun last March by the US's Army Space and Strategic Defense Command and the Defense Ministry's Directorate of Defense Research and Development. Several Israeli companies are involved in the program, including Israel Aircraft Industries, Rafael and Tadiran. The US contractor in the program is the giant California-based TRW.

The attack prompted heavy return fire by IDF and SLA gumers which lasted for nearly Around the same time, an SLA outpost in the Barasheet region came under machine gun two hours. Hizbullah is believed to have been responsible for the and light weapons fire. There Meanwhile, SLA soldiers

in the zone.

IDF, SLA soldiers

wounded in zone

were no casualties, but a vehicle and a building were slightly damaged IDF and SLA gunners found four more explosives devices in the Jezzine enclave In a separate incident returned fire. region, north of the security yesterday evening, another SLA outpost in the Kantara region, zone. SLA sappers safely



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detonated the devices. Six hurt in Ashdod crash

SIX people were injured - one moderately, one seriously, and the rest lightly – when two cars collided in Ashdod last night. Police suspect that one of the

drivers was speeding. A 50-year-old tractor driver was killed yesterday when his vehicle overturned while he was driving through olive groves in Kafr Rabazat, in Wadi Ara.

Moshe Segal, 77, died Friday at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital two days after he was hit by a car while crossing a street at a crosswalk in Ramat Gan with his wife, who was also hit and is still in critical condition at the

Last week, a total of 14 people were killed and 43 were injured on the country's roads. Nine of the fatalities were pedestrians. Since January 1, 54 people have been killed on the roads. (Itim) DAVID RUDGE

today is likely to be heavy in places with the risk of flooding in some low-lying areas.

Officials at the Hermon site said it was packed with around 4,000 visitors when the snow started falling, blocking the access road. The visitors, according to the officials, did not seem sandstorms, is expected to last until tomorrow morning. The meteorological service said rain to mind and reportedly enjoyed their day out in the snow, which

continued to fall throughout the

day. Snowplows were in action throughout the afternoon clearing the road leading to the site to enable the visitors to leave. No new visitors were admitted in the afternoon because of the conditions.

The officials said the site was likely to remain closed today in view of the forecast for more

Palestinian Council election results final, commission says

JON IMMANUEL

THE list of the 88 members elected to the Palestinian Council was finalized last night, after dozens of complaints were vetted by the Palestinian Central Election Commission, CEC head Mahmoud Abbas announced.

Abbas added, however, that losing candidates who still wished to appeal the CEC's decision could petition the fourjudge Election Appeals Court

for two more days. He was speaking at a press conference held in the council's chamber in Gaza. The chamber has been prepared with desks

and microphones for each The final vote tallies for all the candidates will be published venes, Abbas said.

after a meeting today of the CEC in Ramallah, Abbas said. No decision has yet been reached by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat on when the council will convene. He is expected to convene the council shortly after Ramadan ends on February 20.

The date of the first council meeting determines the deadline for the amendment of the Palestinian Covenant, which under the Oslo accords, is two months after the council first convenes.

How frequently the council will meet and other essential issues must be decided in a basic law which the council itself will begin to formulate when it con-

determined to keep Jerusalem united, it has belped raise Palestinian expectations to the point that could make this impossible, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said in New York.

"I am very seriously concerned and worried about the political developments" regarding the status of Jerusalem, Olmert said Thursday at a meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Ma-American Jewish Organizations.

He called on the government to firmly state that it is not prepared to relinquish Jerusalem under any circumstances.

"For all intents," he said, "Jerusalem is a part of the autonomy" from the Palestinian point of

Jerusalem was officially a Palestinian district in last month's election, and elected seven peoNEW YORK

ple to represent the city in the Palestinian Authority, Olmert

In addition, Orient House continues to operate in Jerusalem, and Palestinians receive foreign dignitaries there, Olmert said.

The Israel Police does not exercise authority in any civilian Palestinian matters in Jerusalem, which paves the way for Palestinian penetration, Olmert added.

When the government says Jerusalem is the eternal, undivided capital, "it's a perfect statement, but inaccurate," Olmert said, because Jerusalem is included in the Oslo accords.

Olmert said that he had no doubt the government is determined to keep Jerusalem united but, with the Jerusalem district in the Palestinian election and the

Palestinians have expectations about Jerusalem, which Israel helped build.

There have been benefits to the peace process, with high rates of tourism, economic investment in Israel and expanding diplomatic relations, Olmert said. However, "in my mind, this is

fragile," Olmert said. When the battle for Jerusalem reaches its climax and the government insists on keeping sovereignty, all this is in danger.'

The government erred in leaving Jerusalem to be discussed at a later date, Olmert said, because at that time it may not be able to resist suggestions from Jordan, Egypt or Morocco that the whole process rest on the question of Jerusalem.

"The present leadership of Israel will not have the power to resist temptation," Olmert said.



Islamic Jihad supporters shout slogans against Arafat and the Palestinian Authority at a rally in Gaza's Jabalya camp Friday protesting the killing of two gunmen last week.

Eid contradicts PA Police

NEWS IN BRIEF

Psychiatrists examine Amir Three psychiatrists spent about two-and-a-half hours examining Yigal Amir Friday morning at Tel Mond's Sharon Prison. They refused to comment afterward. The psychiatrists

will determine if there is a reason for additional examinations, prison authorities said last night. The examination was performed at the request of the Tel

Friday and is to remain there until his trial ends.

Aviv District Court. Amir was moved to the Sharon Prison on

240,000 Mosiems pray at Temple Mount Some 240,000 Moslems prayed peacefully at the Temple Mount on Friday, the third Friday of Ramadan. Border Police and police units were deployed at the Temple Mount and its surroundings to prevent disturbances. The army prohibited male residents of Judea and Samaria under 30 from entering Jerusalem, in order to lower chances of incitement at the mass

Swedish FM visits Orient House

Swedish Foreign Minister Lena Hjelm Wallen visited Orient House in east Jerusalem yesterday, and met with a Palestinian delegation headed by Faisal Husseini. Palestinian sources said that among the subjects discussed were diplomatic issues related to the final-status talks, scheduled to begin in May. "

Parak leaves for US

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak left for the US last night for a short visit during which he will address the NJCRAC conference in St. Louis, the Foreign Ministry announced. NJCRAC comprises 117 Jewish organizations, most of them dealing with relations with Israel, the peace process and other issues. In addition, the foreign minister will deliver a lecture to Israeli consuls-general in North America. Jerusalem Post Staff

More Japanese join UNDOF

A second batch of Japanese troops arrived in Damascus on Thursday to join UN peacekeepers on duty in the Golan Heights. The 29 soldiers will join 16 other Japanese troops who arrived eight days ago. The 45 Japanese soldiers will formally replace Canadian troops in the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) whose assignment expires by the end of February.

IDF eases burden on reserve drivers

The IDF has added hundreds of drivers to the regular army to ease the burden on reservists. An IDF source said: "We concluded that economically, it costs the same, and this will significantly ease the burden on the reservists and the economy as a whole." Drivers, especially of large vehicles, were doing between 42-60 days of reserve duty a year, much more than Other reservists.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother

CHANNA MICHAEL

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Liba'i: Early poll won't affect Syrian talks

RAINE MARCUS

SYRIA should be aware that early Israeli elections will not influence peace negotiations, Justice Minister David Liba'i said

"If there are early elections if should be clear that peace negotiations [with Syria] will continue regardless," said Liba'i, speaking to the Industry and Commerce Club in Tel Aviv.

early elections, said Liba'i, especially regarding the peace agreement with the Palestinians. "At the moment we have

There are other difficulties in

signed an intermediary agreement with the Palestinians and in May are supposed to discuss permanent arrangements," Other possible obstacles which

may influence early elections include the state comptroller's report, due for publication at the beginning of May, he said.

'The date for the report is set by law, and cannot be changed." said Liba'i.

Liba'i also referred to the proposed General Security Service Law, saying there must be a balance between enforcement and civil rights.

"It would be convenient for us if we could operate without a law regarding the interrogation of terror suspects," he said.

"But as a democracy we must work within the framework of a law which should answer several questions: Who has authority? Who supervises the GSS? Is the supervision efficient?"

The GSS, he added, is an organization which cannot always operate according to normal regulations, since it is fighting terror.

"If you are sitting opposite a terrorist who knows a bomb is going to be planted under a bus. what are you supposed to do? Consider human rights or prevent the bombing, using unusual tac-

"There must be a balance which enables the GSS to operate and do its job successfully," he

PA policeman confronts synagogue worshipers with gun

PALESTINIAN policemen prevented Jewish worshipers from entering the Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho on Friday, and during the confrontation, one of the policemen cocked his weapon and pointed it at the worshipers.

Israeli commanders and their Palestinian counterparts had agreed Thursday night that the Friday prayer service would start an hour earlier than originally scheduled, but this information was not passed on to the policemen.

Senior commanders intervened and the worshipers were eventually allowed to pray at the site. Israel lodged a complaint with the Palestinian Authority against the policeman who cocked his

version in shooting of gunmen

A HUMAN rights activist has denied an assertion by Gaza police that two Islamic Jihad gunmen were killed nine days ago only after they opened fire.

According to the original reports, police fired back through a closed door and a grenade held by one of the gunmen exploded.

Bassem Eid, who visited the house Wednesday, backed the family's claims that the shooting was initiated by the police.

"All the holes in the door were made by bullets fired into the room by pulice," Eid said. "There were large bullet boles in the far walls of the room but no signs of bullets fired from inside the room or an explosion."

The Palestinian Authority sent emissaries Monday offering to declare the dead men "martyred," and to pay a monthly martyrs' stipend to the dead men's families if they would keep iet and accept the sion of events.

"But we refused to speak to

Women's Network: Likud-Tsomet deal cuts down slots for women

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Israel Women's Network protested over the weekend to Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu that his party's agreement with Tsomet will result in the reduction of slots held by women on the joint list.

"The agreement between the Likud and Tsomet tramples on the rights of women competing for a realistic spot in the next Knesset on behalf of both parties," network chairwoman Alice Shalvi said. "We insist that the agreement between the parties maintain the number of spots which was already few - reserved for women," she added.

Slots No. 13, 23, 33, and 36 had been earmarked for women on the Likud list, but as a result of the agreement with Tsomet, No. 33 will be pushed to No. 40 and No. 36 will be pushed off the realistic list, the Network said.

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them," said Ahmed Arraj, the brother of one of the dead men. Islamic Jihad sources are cer-

tain Eymad Ruzeineh and Amar Arraj were killed under Israeli orders, because they were involved in last year's Beit Lid bombing, which killed 21.

The PA denies this, saying the identities of the two were unknown, and that they were discovered by chance when the policemen tried to arrest the owner of the house.

Islamic radicals have vowed vengeance against the policemen. They have identified them as members of the General Security Apparatus headed by Amin Hindi, who was involved in the 1972 murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics.

PA Attorney-General Khalid Al-Qidrah asserted Thursday that a short external examination of the bodies confirmed the poThe families did not allow an

Meanwhile, at A-Najah University in Nablus, Hamas supporters swore vengeance at a rally Friday in memory of Yihye Ayyash, the bomb-maker believed responsible for at least 51 Israeli deaths in suicide bombings. He was killed in Gaza on January 5 when his cellular phone exploded.

Ayyash's parents attended the rally, along with more than 1.000 others, among them masked men parading with toy rifles. The rally was held with the permission of the local Palestinian authorities. The IDF barred the entry of Israelis into the town yesterday, but rescinded the ban in the

The 40-day mourning period for Ayyash ends this week.

On Thursday, the IDF banned the passage of Palestinian vehicles across the Green Line because of heightened fears of ter-

Meretz adds 41,000 to membership list

SARAH HONIG

MERETZ announced yesterday that its prolonged membership drive had yielded 41,000 new members, after aggressive recruitment and several extensions of the deadline.

Some 6,000 of those registered are Arabs and 16,000 are members of Mapam's Kibbutz This leaves less than 20,000

members in the Jewish urban population centers, a fact which deeply worries the Meretz

It also served as ammunition for miffed Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni when she criticized her party.

Aloni announced she would not be running for the next Knesset on the Meretz ticket. Environment Minister Sarid

defended the drive saying the numbers are "double what the party had in 1992 and we, unlike Labor, do not coerce employees at the Electric Corporation and Tnuva and come with heaps of membership forms filled out under duress. Ours are bona fide members."

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Union of Local **Authorities** halts sanctions

DAVID RUDGE

THE Union of Local Authorities (ULA) has ceased its sanctions against budget cuts after a meeting on Thursday night with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

ULA chairman Adi Eidar, mayor of Karmiel, said an agreement had been reached not to cut budgets by as much as Finance Minister Avraham Shohat had originally intended.

Eldar said that as a result they had dismantled the protest tent opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem that was set up Tuesday.

The ULA, which represents municipalities as well as regional and local councils throughout the country, had been demanding that the government honor pledges made in 1994 to consolidate debts and increase regular and development budgets.

The local authorities had intended to implement a series of protest actions, starting with the tent demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office and leading up to a general strike of municipal services throughout the

Eldar said the plans had now been canceled after the agreement was reached with Peres and Shohat. Under the agreement, local authorities will receive an additional NIS 500 million this year, of which NIS 400m. would be used to cover debts and NIS 100m. to increase regular budgets.

A further NIS 200m. has been promised for next year, which the councils can draw on this year as an advance if they run short of



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Irish history mired in conflict

IRISH history is mired in rivalry between Protestant and Catholic and conflicting claims of allegiance to London and Dublin.

Following is a guide to the main points and key groups:
NORTHERN IRELAND was formed when Britain granted home rule to its former Irish colony but partitioned off six counties in the North as a homeland for a predominantly Protestant

The Protestants, many of them descendants of Scottish Presbyterians who were sent to settle Ireland and stiffe the Catholic faith of its native people, saw Britain as their government and its monarch as their ruler.

The Catholic minority was harshly treated by the dominant Unionist politicians, so-called because they wanted to preserve 300-year-old links with Britain.

RELAND - The Irish government accepted the partition of Ireland as the price to be paid for independence but this led to a civil war between those who accepted the founding treaty and others who wanted it to include the "lost" six counties.

The Irish constitution lays claim to Northern Ireland and its people as Irish. This claim has not been altered but successive Dublin governments have pledged to do so to underpin peace and reassure nervous Northern Protestants.

SINN FEIN - was the party that fought for the independence of Ireland. Its military wing was and is the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Sinn Fein's president is Gerry Adams.

IRA violence against British rule re-surfaced in every decade since Partition in 1921. It launched attacks in Northern Ireland and mainland Britain.

Generations of its leaders were jailed and the movement fizzled out until the late 1960s when a civil rights movement erupted to fight for Catholic equality.

Sim Fein's constitution says the party abhors violence, including that of the British army and Protestant RUC police, but understands those who resort to arms to end colonial rule. In the mid-1980s it embarked

securing a settlement to match its goal of a United Ireland. This tempted the IRA to declare a ceasefire in September 1994 in the hope of getting Sim Fein to the conference table, a goal offered in the December 1993 Downing Street Declara-tion by Britain and Ireland.

on a "peace strategy" aimed at

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This said Britain would stop a united Ireland if a majority in Northern Ireland wanted it. It also said there would be all-party talks if violence ended.

Sinn Fein has some 40 elected Catholic municipal councillors in Northern Ireland and enjoys 12 percent of the popular vote.

LOYALISTS - Protestant extremists took to arms seven decades ago to win and maintain their partitioned state. They pledge loyalty to the British crown. The core group is the Ulster Defense Association, which was banned by the British

Two militia groups, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) and UI-

ster Freedom Fighters (UFF) have carried out a series of borrific killings of Catholics to terrorize the community from which the IRA and Sinn Fein draws

Their political wings, the Ulster Democratic Party (UDP) and Progressive Unionist Party (PUP), came to prominence after the gunmen declared truces in October 1994. They say they want to test their political strength at the polls to prove they are the enlightened face of

UNIONISTS - There are 13 Unionists in the British parliament where they defend what they see as an attempt by Britain to reunite Ireland under the guise of a peace process.

They draw support from the 60 percent Protestant majority and hold crucial votes in Prime Minister John Major's embattled Conservative government.

Unionists believe there is no foundation in law for any attempt to forge closer links between Britain and Ireland, the declared aim of the Anglo-Irish peace process. They see Dublin's involvement as interference in British affairs which masks a desire to carry out the Dublin constitution's claims.

The mainstream Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) is led by David Trimble, who advocated bringing Sinn Fein into the political mainstream through elections to a non-executive assembly.

The Reverend Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP has three seats and is to the extreme right of the UUP. Paisley sees Dublin as "godless" and has called the pope anti-

SDLP - The Social Democratic and Labor party of John Hume is the moderate and legal voice of Irish nationalism. Hume and Adams worked out a still-secret "peace strategy" which preceded the Anglo-Irish Downing Street Declaration.

Hume advocated all-party talks without delay and criticized Britain for failing to "take a risk."

ALLIANCE PARTY - A middle of the road party with some 10 percent of the popular vote, it has Catholics and Protestant members. It supports British rule but it also promotes close links with Dublin to give voice to Catholics' Irish identity. Led by John Alderdice, it is seen by the British government as an example of the kind of non-sectarian party it would like to encourage.

Clinton launches political foray into Iowa

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -President Bill Clinton plunged into the Iowa political maelstrom yesterday to try to drum up campaign support and steal thunder from Republicans competing in the first big trial heat of this year's presidential race.

Clinton, the first Democratic president since Franklin Roosevelt to go unchallenged for renomination, will traipse through Iowa like he's running for his life - his schedule includes three speeches, a roundtable discussion and a visit to a grain elevator, a ritual for politicians courting farm state votes.

Asked the purpose of Clinton's overnight visit, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said: "He wants to go to Iowa to talk about the challenges that face this country and face the citizens of Iowa as we look ahead to the 21st century."

He is also looking for votes. Iowa voters meet in small groups in thousands of living rooms and other sites tomorrow night to register their preferences for the Demogratic and Republican nominations.

Although Clinton is certain to be his party's standard bearer, McCurry said he wants to "make a special appeal to the Democrats of lows to support him" tomorrow night.

"Even though there's no contest, this is an important part of a "nutty idea."

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democracy at the grassroots. The Iowa caucus process is now legendary in its importance and the presidential selection pro-cess, and the president thought it right and proper for him to go and ask for the support of those Democrats who will go out on a cold night tomorrow to participate in this very important pro-

cess," McCurry said. Clinton's political foray also gave him an opportunity to float above the Republican scramble for the chance to challenge him on November 5.

Nine Republicans are competing with each other, and after the Iowa votes are counted, only three of them may still have the money and strength to continue the presidential primary

Polls suggest Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole continues to lead millionaire publisher Steve Forbes for first place by a margin of anywhere from two to 10 percentage points. Fighting for third place are commentator Pat Buchanan, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.

McCurry said Clinton would leave it to the Republicans to battle among themselves. But the White House spokesman took a poke at Forbes's popular flat tax proposal, noting that other Republicans have called it



Frostbitten swans search for food ; esterday at Helsinki's icy seaside in -20°C weather.

Zhirinovsky, Le Pen in far-right union

VLADIMIR Zhirinovsky and French extreme rightist Jean-Marie Le Pen, meeting in Moscow to fete the flamboyant Russian nationalist's silver wedding, announced plans on Saturday to link

Europe's far right this year. "We think our meeting will mark the start of cooperation among European patriots to fight for the defense of our national values and the interests of our peoples," Le Pen, leader of France's

National Front, said. At a news conference punctuated with jokes, bonhomie and Zhirinovsky's occasional sallies in a fluent if rusty French, the two rightwingers hailed each other's presidential ambitions and said only robust patriotism could avert war in Europe.

Apparently making policy on the hoof, he then announced his presidential campaign would be underpinned by around three slogans: "Purity, order, security and

"Oh, sorry. That's four slo-

gans," he added quickly. Le Pen attacked the notion that nationalism was a cause of war and said only nationalist or patriotic parties, working across borders, were capable of preventing

Zhirinovsky's "ideas and plans are very close to ours," Le Pen said. We both must become president for the benefit of Europe."

The two extreme-right leaders said plans for a "Union of Right Forces of Europe" would be considered at a meeting in Moscow in late April, and finalized sometime later in Berlin or Paris. Zhirinovsky said he had supporters "in every country in Europe."

He also warned East European countries against trying to join NATO, saying that would make them the battlefield in another world war.

"Our neighbors must know that

if they let NATO soldiers approach Russia's borders, Russia would destroy both NATO and the territories that are putting the world on the brink of war," Zhirinovsky said.

Many Russian leaders, includ-ing President Boris Yeltsin, have spoken out strongly against NA-TO's proposed eastward expansion, although none has gone as far as firebrand Zhirinovsky.

"If Poland starts wandering around like a prostitute it will end badly. A prostitute usually ends up being strangled by one of her clients," he said.

Zhirinovsky invited Le Pen to Moscow to attend his church wedding today. The Russian ultrana-

tionalist and his wife were married ao in a cami cerendony Zhitinovsky, whose misleadingly named Liberal Democratic Party has a significant number of seats

in Russia's parliament, is one of

the leading candidates in June's presidential elections. He often rails against Jews, Asians, Caucasians and other non-Slavs and urges the restoration of the Russian Empire's 19th-century

borders. Le Pen's National Front controls four city halls and has the

support of about 15 percent of the electorate. The National Front advocates expelling all immigrants from France. For Zhirinovsky's church cere-

mony today at Moscow's Church of the Archangel Michael, extra police have been called to main-

Guest in Jerusalem the renowned actress

Primakov, Christopher report good start at talks

HELSINKI (Reuter) - US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and new Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov said after their first talks yesterday they had made a good start towards building trust. but differences remained.

At talks in the Finnish capital on keeping troubled US-Russian relations on track, Primakov assured Christopher that President Boris Yeltsin would not abandon reforms although policy adjustments would be made to help Russia's most needy.

More than six hours of talks over two days produced no major breakthroughs or agreements. But the conciliatory tone signalled a desire by Moscow and Washington to avoid confrontation before presidential elections in both countries this year.

"I would say we are off to a very good start," Christopher told a news conference at the Kalastajatorppa government guest house on

the icy Gulf of Finland. Primakov said: "We have differences and there will be differences, but all this must be done (re solved) without confrontation. That would be extremely dangerous for our mutual relations and also for the whole world."

The two men looked relaxed but restrained after a more than threehour dinner on Friday night and three hours of formal talks yesterday.

It was their first meeting since 66-year-old former spy chief Pri-makov, widely considered a conservative, took over from liberal and pro-Western predecessor Andrei Kozyrev on January 9.

The talks, intended to build trust and work out a framework for cooperation, covered issues such as NATO enlargement, regional conflicts, nuclear security and political developments in Russia and the US.

Chechens report deaths as tensions rise

GROZNY (AP) - Tensions rose around the gutted presidential palace after Chechens said up to four people had been killed vesterday and a dozen wounded by Russian troops or Russianbacked Chechen police.

About a thousand people were continuing a week-long rally in front of the palace to demand that Russian troops leave the breakaway republic. Police and troops, backed by armored vehicles, have surrounded the square and tried to keep other protesters away. Orders for demonstrators to

disperse have been ignored. Yesterday, reports said a crowd of demonstrators trying to reach the square was pushed back by police near the central bazaar. People there said a woman and boy were killed

when Chechen police opened "I was trying to get to the demonstration. We were near the bazaar and the Chechen police opened fire, killing a wom-an, said 35-year-old Birlan Tokayeva.

Chechens who left the demonstration on the square yesterday said a man and woman were killed there and up to 13 people were wounded. They gave no

them, Lola Daubekova, whose hands were blackened with dirt after living in the square since the demonstration began.

"But I'm going back," she said. "We have no other way to fight for our independence." On Friday, three people were

killed and seven wounded when a series of explosions ripped through the crowd. There were conflicting versions of what caused the blasts. The Russian military said re-

bel Chechen fighters were trying to smuggle explosives into the square and they went off accidentally. Russian forces said yesterday that the rebels fired grenade launchers from the palace ruins in an attempt to provoke troops to open fire, the Interfax news agency said.

Russia's independent NTV network also said grenade launchers were fired from the palace, but said demonstrators blamed the Kremlin-backed Chechen government.
The military said the blasts

killed a Russian soldier and two civilians, and wounded threeservicemen and four civilians: Earlier Friday, a policeman shot and wounded a protester who he said attacked him with a

knife. Police also have fired shots in "I had to leave to help carry the air to prevent people from out wounded," said one of joining the rally.

French minister visits strife-torn Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica (AP) -France's No. 1 lawman wrapped up a visit yesterday to this French Mediterranean island, saying separatist violence has thrust it into "a crucial period."

"There won't be a separate destiny. It's a common destiny that will make our fortune, Justice Minister Jacques Toubon said as he completed a twoday visit.

Toubon called for order to be restored, and he cautioned separatist groups - whose fighting for an independent Corsica has bloodied the island - that he would ensure "justice without concession." Toubon's visit came three

weeks after Interior Minister

Jean-Louis Debre toured the is-

land in a similar effort to quell

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A violent wing of Corsica's leading nationalist group, the Front for the National Liberation of Corsica, said last month that it would suspend its bombing campaign for three months. The group known by its French acronym, FLNC, has

stroyed government, banks, stores, and public utility offices since November. Some of the attacks have been aimed at the homes of policemen and judges, but there have been no casualties. The attacks have caused an estimated \$40

claimed responsibility for many

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million in damage. However, a separate internal war between rival nationalist groups resulted in numerous gangland-style murders last year on the rugged, strikingly beauti-



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Few clues to Dominican crash

PUERTO PLATA, Dominica (Renter) - Days after a chartered Boeing 757 plunged into the ocean killing 189 passengers and crew, crash investigators are hobbled by an unusual problem: a dearth of wreckage to pick over and dozens of missing bodies. A small pile of debris - including bits of cabin interior, seat cushions,

a piece of a door and four wheels with tires and shattered axles - is all the experts have. Of the 189 people on board, Dominican officials say they have found fewer than 90 bodies, as well as parts of others.

The Dominican military halted its search for the plane's missing flight data recorder yesterday, waiting for the arrival of a Navy vessel with sophisticated electronic tracking equipment. "The original equipment we used was not enough to catch the signal. We need one that is more sensitive," said Maj. Emmanuel Souffront, leader of the Dominican commission appointed to investigate the

Investigators took statements from possible witnesses to the crash yesterday, but said they were sceptical whether anyone had actually seen the late night accident.

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S. Korea, Japan in row over islands

SEOUL (Reuter) - South Korean President Kim Young-sam has cancelled a meeting tomorrow with Japanese legislators in an escalating row over islands disputed by the two countries.

A spokesman quoted Kim as saying yesterday that Japan's claim to sovereignty over the rocky islands was "intolerable".

Kim would also cancel a scheduled meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto durine an Asia-Europe summit in Bangkok in March if Japan continued to press its claim.

"Kim has cancelled the meeting. Japan has stirred the anger of all Korean people by making a preposterous claim to Tokdo," the spokesman said.

Koreans still harbor bitter memories of Japan's often brutal colonial rule over the Korean peninsula between 1910 and 1945.

The Japanese legislators had been scheduled to meet Kim in the presidential Blue House tomorrow to discuss a broad range of thorny issues, including compensation for Korean women used as sex slaves by Japan during World War Two and the question of sovereignty over the two Tokdo islands.

"It is absurd for Japan to insist the islet is its territory. It obviously belongs to Korea, historically and in international law," he said. "South Korea will sternly deal with the Tokdo issue."

Kyrgyzstan votes on president's powers

ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP) -Voters in the Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan went to the polls yesterday to decide whether to increase the powers of the president.

If the referendum on constitutional change is approved, as expected, President Askar Akayev would in effect have the authority to dissolve parliament at will.

Akayev also would no longer need parliamentary approval for the bulk of his appointments. He would be able to directly appoint all ministers, diplomats, heads of

agencies and local judges.
Parliamentary approval would still be required for the prime minister, prosecutor general, high court judges and national bank

An additional clause would enmajority, to transfer its legislative authority to the president for up to

The referendum is a sharp turnaround for Akayev, who had been considered the most democratic leader in the former Soviet republics of Central Asia. Unlike the authoritarian presidents of nearby Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, who extended their presidencies through referendums. Akavev was re-elected in Decem-

ber in a contested race. Shortly after his re-election, however. Akavey complained he was little more than a figurehead with no more power than the Queen of England.



Mujesira Salihovic (right) shouts at Bosnian President Alija Izedbegovic during a meeting between the president and widows of Srebrenica yesterday. Salihovic, who lost family in Srebrenica, demanded that something be done over the reported massacres in the area and to determine the whereabouts of thousands of people.

NATO steps up security, contacts with Serbs continue

THE NATO-led peace force has tightened security for its troops because of heightened tension linked to Bosnian Serbs' decision to sever high-level contact, force officials said

Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladic said two days ago his forces were severing relations with the 60,000strong NATO mission because the Bosnian government was refusing to release eight Serbs arrested on suspicion of war

"We always have contingency plans to increase our self-protection," said Captain Leonard Capello, a NATO senior operations officer in Sarajevo.

"Whenever there's any indication that the threat may increase then we will take measures to prevent people from being overexposed. I think we're doing that. We're not circling the wagons...we're trying to meet (the Serb army) and progress.

Another force official, who requested anonymity, said the force raised its alert level because of the tension. There are four alertlevels; gray, black, amber and - the nighest red. The force was in black status as of Satur-

day, the officer said. This means that we have to wear flack iackets and helmets when we are outdoors."

BELING (Reuter) - New US

Ambassador Jim Sasser arrived in

Beijing yesterday to take up a post

left vacant since last year while

Sino-US ties chilled to their coo-

lest point since they were estab-

States and China have wrangled

over human rights, narrowly avert-

ed a trade war over intellectual

property piracy, argued about

arms sales and seen ties hit rock-

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permitted with a second vehicle as an escort. We really don't expect any problems."

In a press statement yesterday, the Bosman Serb army demanded the immediate release of the detained men - who include a general and a colonel - but did not say what action it

might take if this did not occur. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Walker, the commander of NATO ground forces in Bosnia, on Friday called Mladic's announcement ominous.

NATO sources said plans to increase the security of its soldiers, aid workers and facilities across Bosnia were in effect to protect against possible Serb hostage-taking or sabotage.

Two news photographers were detained Thursday b Bosnian Serbs. One of them, AP Srdjan Ilic, was released Friphotograp' day. But t second, Hidajet Delic, remained in custody. Delic was accredited to the Bosnian government BH Press news agency, but worked frequently for the AP.

New US ambassador arrives in China to repair relations

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great importance to China," said Sasser. "I look forward to working

on those issues with my Chinese

may not have an easy time foster-

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need each other," Sasser said dur-

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The sources said no specific threat had been identified and that the heightened security was precautionary. have the

plied or direct threats against us," said NATO spokesman Colonel John Kirkwood.

'We won't go into the details of how we do that, (but) we react accordingly. We've got enough material and people in country to

react very quickly, very decisively."

NATO has not reported any contacts with
the senior level of the Bosnian Serb army since Mladic made his statement.

The most senior detained Serb officer, General Djordje Djukic, is not recognised by NATO since he has been indicted by a UN tribunal as a war criminal and is ineligible to hold a public position under the terms of the Dayton peace accord.

The Serbs on Friday missed one divisionlevel meeting which had been scheduled between them and NATO officers in northeast Bosnia, but elsewhere working relationships vere continuing.

The crisis over the detained Serb soldiers will bring US envoy Richard Holbrooke architect of the Bosnia peace accord brokered in Dayton, Ohio and signed in Paris in December - on an unscheduled visit back to the region today.

The tough-talking Holbrooke will visit Sarajevo, Zagreb and Belgrade to deliver a stern warning to Balkan leaders to defuse the crisis and abide by the Bosnian peace pact or

agree - up to a point.

Privately, Chinese officials

In public, their stand is much

Beijing showed how far it would

go when it recalled Ambassador Li

Dayou from Washington last June

"to report on his work". He did

His recall came when China

flew into a fury after the United

States gave Taiwan's President

Lee Teng-hui a visa for a private

not return until late last year.

20 trapped as Japan rockslide buries bus

TOKYO (AP) - With the temperature sinking dangerously and overhead boulders threatening to tumble down, rescue teams last night rushed to free about 20 people trapped for hours in a collapsed a tunnel in northern Japan.

Authorities were not sure how many were trapped or if any were killed when Toyohama tunnel gave way under an avalanche of mud and rocks yesterday. A passenger bus and at least one car were buried.

The tunnel runs through a seaside mountain on the west coast of Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four major islands, 880 km north of Tokyo.

Crews busily carted rubble out of both openings of the 1,086-meter long turnel in bopes of rescuing survivors from the nighttime cold, but officials were loathe to blast through the rock for fear causing another rockslide.

"Rescuers have dug very close to the bus, but every time they try to go further, they find they said Hokkaido prefectural (state) police official Masahisa Tamura. "It's very frustrating."

A bus holding 22 people and at least one car were buried under in the tunnel, which collapsed when a massive oblong boulder 70 meters tall slid off the mountain.

As snow swirled around the opening of the tunnel and the temperature dropped to a bone-chil-ing minus 5°C, family members of the missing gathered anxiously at

Worried the cold was enough to kill any survivors, who by midnight last night had been trapped for 16 hours, some yelled at police to to speed up the rescue work. "It's so cold, some who might

not have been crushed could be in there freezing to death," said Tama Iwamoto, 74, relative of a 51-year-old man on the passenger

An eyewitness told Japanese reporters of her escape from the crumbing mountain.

"As I was going through the tunnel a huge rock came down on the roof of the car," said 19-yearold Manami Hirano. "Large and small rocks came falling down. The windshield and side window broke and my head was struck. I had to stop the car."

She went on to describe how the tons of debris piling up behind her car shoved it away from the center of the avalanche and she skidded out of the tunnel. She was taken to a nearby hospital where she was treated and released.

Kasparov plays computer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Garry Kasparov has held the world chess championship crown for more than a decade. Not so long ago he handily defeated a computer that could analyze 750,000 positions per second.

That's all in the past. The game he began yesterday could be the Russian's most daunting challenge to date. His invisible opponent can master a move no human can accomplish: shifting through more than 200 million chess maneuvers per second.

The challenger is Deep Blue, a formidable computer foe devised by IBM. The duel will be the first to pit man against machine for a regulation, six-game chess match. The unofficial match has enor-

mous implications for human intellect and technology: Can a com-puter outsmart a human being? "I know my opponent is invisible, but I strongly believe that it's not invincible," said the 32-yearold grand master, who in 1989 proved skeptics wrong by defeat-

totype for Deep Blue.
The match is being sponsored by the Association for Computing, which held the first computer competition in 1970. Six games lasting no more than seven hours each will be played through Feb. 17.

FIFTY years after the birth of the

computer launched a worldwide

information revolution, experts

say they will become even smaller,

"They'll become more accessi-

ble," said Frank Priedman, head

of the computer science depart-

ment at Temple University. "Stor-

age will increase, speed will in-

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puter professionals are assessing

how far the machine has come and

These experts say later advances

where it is headed.

faster and more pervasive.

"Garry feels that it is his duty to defend mankind from the onslaught of the machine," said David Levy, vice president of the International Computer Chess Association.

Deep Blue has been in the works since 1989, when Kasparov defeated Deep Thought in a twogame match. At the time, Deep Thought was considered the most powerful chess computer around.

Deep Blue, a 32-node supercomputer at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, New York, can examine 50 billion positions in the three minutes allowed between each.

Kasparov will sit at a chess board and move his pieces as if playing a human opponent. An IBM technician seated across the table will communicate Kasoarov's moves to Deep Blue through a computer with an Internet bookup, and move pieces based on

Deep Blue's responses. A Web site will allow Internet The winner will receive

\$400,000 and the loser \$100,000 provided by the Association for Computing.

• The web site for following the match is http:// www.chess.ibm.park.org.

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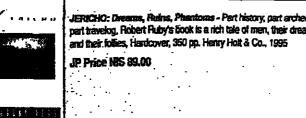
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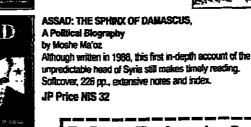


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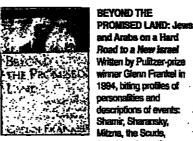


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in computer power and cost may have been less dramatic than EN-IAC's development, which represented what Paul Shaffer, curator of the ENIAC museum at the Uni-JP Price NIS 89 versity of Pennsylvania, called the greatest technological leap in history

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But the computer has nonetheless progressed at a breakneck pace and is likely to continue doing so for the forseeable future. This will bring computers into more and more homes and into more areas of life than ever before. Tim Bergin, a computer science

professor at American University in Washington, said miniaturisation of the computer will increase its use in other products such as cars and home appliances. "Computers are just blending in," he said. "The only safe prediction is it is going to be less visible."

Friedman said future gains in computing power will have striking applications in graphics and hasten the merging of computer and television technology. "I expect pretty soon the use of computers and TV will be seamless,"

To dramatise the progress in technology, researchers at Penn, where ENIAC was developed, are placing the circutry of that computer, which weighed 30 tonnes and took up an entire room, onto a single chip that fits on a fingertip.

On the commercial front, Digital Equipment Corp launched on Feb. 5 what it called the first microprocessor to have the speed of a supercomputer, runs on AA batteries and sells for less than \$50.

Some experts have begun to predict the decline of the personal" computer as an all-around tool. Industry leaders such as Oracle's chief executive Larry Ellison, saying PCs are too complex and too expensive for many uses, plan to launch more specialised versions such as a low-priced "appliance" for crusing the Internet.

Shaffer said the current generation of PCs was nearing an evolutionary dead-end after nearly two decades, hamstrung by limitations in its original design.

As an example of future possibilities for the personal computer, Shaffer cited Be Inc, founded five years ago by an Apple Computer alumnus. The company is about to launch a competitively priced desktop computer with two highspeed processors and numerous ports for attaching accessories, and Shaffer said it promises to offer much more capability to run several programs at once.

How computers will affect life is

also under continuing debate. Federal Reserve Charman Alan Greenspan said on Feb 5 that the computer may still be too new for its gains to be evident but that it held potential for improved productivity and living standards.

"It may be that the big increases in." productivity growing out of the in-troduction of computers and conmunications equipment still ahead," he said.

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ow does one dispose of outof-date or no-longer-needed medicines? I always thought that one should not put them in the garbage since children might find them and think they are into the esophagus. candies. I used to dispose of these by pouring them down the drain. Now we are told not to pollute the environment. A few years ago, I started to return these things to my pharmacy, but an assistant there

the garbage themselves. What should I do? F.L.G., Jerusalem. Batya Haran, head of the Health Ministry's pharmaceutical division,

now tells me that they put them in

You have hit upon a very important problem. We have contacted health authorities abroad, and no one has yet come up with a satisfactory solution. We had thought of collecting old or unused medicine at district health offices and having the drugs buried at the Ramat Hoyay disposal site in the Negev, just like used batteries are, but few people would go our of their way to bring

medications to a bandful of offices. We are trying to think of a practical way that would allow people to bring these to any pharmacy and have them collected and sent to Ramat Hovay, but the matter is complicated and we are still working on it. In the meantime, it's best to just throw them in the garbage.

I am an 85-year-old man, My health isn't too bad, but there is one problem that drives me crazy. When I eat within three hours of going to sleep, my food climbs up my esophagus and chokes me, giving me the feeling that pieces enter my windpipe and lungs. Is it possible that the food passes into my windpape? Is there any way to prevent the food from going up? Or are there types of foods that I can eat without causing this problem? D.L., ferusalem.

Prof. Yaron Niv, head of the gustroenterological institute at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva, replies:

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This condition is quite common in the elderly. It is called weakness. of the lower esophageal sphincter. There is a sphincter at the bottom of the esophagus that normally is oneway: it allows food to go only down into the stomach. But with age, this muscle can weaken and allow food to pass upwards from the stomach

When a person lies down, the top of his esophagus is at the same level as the bottom, so food may flow out of the stomach to the other end. It may enter the larynx area and even be aspirated into the windpipe.

I advise you not to eat or drink anything (except for water) after 6 p.m. You should also raise the top of your bed by at least 15 and preferably by 30 centimeters, by putting a pillow wedge under the mattress or putting something that height under two legs of the bed. You should also exercise as much as possible. If this doesn't help, there are three medications, available by prescription only - Pramin, Motilium and Cisaprid - which strengthen the sphincter muscles involved.

In most cases, the problem should be alleviated, but if not, there is surgery that can be performed by laparoscopic (keyhole) surgery as well as open-abdominal surgery.

My daughter and son-in-law refrigerate food in the same stain-less steel or enamel pots in which it was cooked. This worries me, as I always thought this was a bad practice. I don't want to be a nudnik, but is there any medical or scientific justification for my appre-hension? M.E.C., Jerusalem

Prof. Shmuel Yannai, a senior toxicologist at the Technion's department of food engineering and biotechnology, replies:

There is no health danger in doing what you describe.

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Helping people to help themselves

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

aimonides, who wrote 800 years ago that "a loan is better than charity for it enables one to help himself," deserves the copyright on a pioneering effort to assist Israelis temporarily in need.

"Giving a loan without taking interest is a uniquely Jewish idea that goes back to this great Jewish sage," says Prof. Eliezer Jaffe, the unpaid chairman of the Israel Free Loan Association.

The IFLA has made more than 6,000 no-interest loans totaling over \$6 million since it was founded in 1990. After granting loans for immigrant housing, small businesses, emergencies, university tuition and other needs the IFLA has obtained \$300,000 in donations specially earmarked for medical purposes.

"We are starting with children and young people up to the age of 21 in the Jerusalem area, from Beit Shemesh to Ma aleh Adumim, who suffer from perma-nent physical disability - including the hearing and sight impaired, Jaffe explains. Loans of up to \$5,000 for medical purposes are available to supplement government grants for hearing aids, body braces, walkers, wheelchairs, suiting cars for the trans-port of wheelchair-bound youngsters, communications devices and special devices for nursing care. The loans will be granted to families who are raising the child in their own home and as supplementary assistance to those eligible for a government grant. We hope we will be able to expand the principal to over \$1 million and beyond, and then be able to offer such loans to qualified people

The US-born Jaffe, who teaches at the Hebrew University's Baerwald School of Social Work and is a recognized expert in nonprofit organizations and fundraising, is one of many volunteers involved in the IFLA. They and its four paid workers (including an Ethiopian and a Russian immigrant) receive requests and issue checks at the organization's offices at 64 Rehov Aza (POB 4579, Jerusalem 91041; tel. 02-630248) in the Rehavia neighbor-

around the country.

"We have close to 1,000 donors in Israel and 13 other countries. and we handle some 300 applications a month. The beauty of the concept is that as soon as money



Roi Shavit participates in a class trip in a wheelchair provided by the Israel Free Loan Association.

is returned on the loan, it is rolled over into new loans." he explains. We are not a welfare office," Jaffe says. "We make our loans of

up to \$15,000 only to people with a steady job or income who can pay them back at their own pace, from 10 months to a maximum of four years." Because of minimal expenses

and low overhead, nearly all the money donated is used for loans. The IFLA is recognized by the New Israel Fund, PEF-Israel Endowment Fund and the Jerusalem Foundation as a recipient of donations. There are also friends' organizations in New York and London. Everything is computerized, so any donor can request a printout on how many loans are out and their stages of return. The names of the recipients remain confidential. A board of respected professionals supervises

the entire loan-giving process. Jaffe notes that the organization

receives a wide variety of donations. A woman from Rehovot wrote recently to say she received an inheritance of NIS 40,000 that she and her family did not need. "I trust you will use this money as you see fit, with no strings attached," she wrote.

Sometimes, well-to-do tourists who meet needy Israelis they want to assist ask the IFLA to administer a housing or business loan. This way, they know the recipient will pay back on time and use it for the specific purpose set down in the contract.

More than 650 of the 1,700 separate donations so far have come from Israelis, with 880 coming from the US and other countries such as the UK, Holland. France, Australia, Brazil, Switzerland and even Thailand. Some of the

donors registered their donation to the IFLA in their wills.

Loan applications are considered once a month, and thus no one waits for an answer longer than that. In many cases, the money is available within a few days. Recipients deposit with the office a number of post-dated checks linked to the dollar. So far. the default rate is less than 3 percent. If the borrowers say they can't repay, "we offer easier payback terms, but if there is no response, we are not afraid to go to court, as we are committed to our donors and to the rollover process, as well as to the recipi-

ents," says Jaffe. Yael Yosef, a social-work student at the Hebrew University, is coordinator of the new medical needs fund. She accepts the requests and checks to make sure the applicant has already received all his entitlements from government funds.

"But in many cases, state allowances don't cover the full costs of electric wheelchairs, ramps and retrofitting homes for the disabled," she says. "An electric wheelchair can cost \$6,000 or more, a motorized tricycle \$3,000 and a hearing aid \$1,200. The cost of equipment is very high and the bulk of the expense falls on the family."

But once they get the loan, the equipment can mean a new way of life. Ro'i Shavit, a 13-yearold Jerusalemite born with muscular dystrophy, is one of many children who needed special equipment to be mobile. The IFLA loaned his family money and he is now ambulatory; he was even able to go on a school outing recently to the Judean

Vitamin C cream is best for the skin

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esearchers have found that vitamin C is good for the skin. It helps heal wounds. good for the skin. it may be cut the reduces wrinkling and may even cut the risk of skin cancers caused by ultra-violet radi-

However, taking ascorbic acid, as it is known chemically, by mouth is not the best way to take advantage of these properties. A topical cream that introduces the vitamin directly into the epidermis is the best idea.

According to Dr. Yitzhak Shalkovitz-Shilo, a

dermatology specialist at Kupat Holim Clalit's Tel Nordau clinic in Tel Aviv, it was impossible until recently to produce a vitamin-C skin cream that was stable and because it oxidizes in a wet environment. Writing in the latest issue of Merkahton

Livriut, published by the Israel Pharmacists' Association and Clalit, the dermatologist reports that a topical skin product containing the vitamin is now available. Animal and clinical studies, Shalkovitz-

Shilo says, have shown that as an anti-oxidant, vitamin C minimizes the damage caused to skin by oxygen free radicals.

"Based on this information, it can be supposed that using vitamin-C cream on the skin is helpful in dealing with sun damage and the resulting aging of the skin There shouldn't be any contraindications for this use," he con-

AUTOIMMUNE INFLAMMATION BETTER UNDERSTOOD

A natural mechanism by which the body turns off inflammation may serve as a basis for the design of a new class of drugs against multiple sclerosis and other autoimmune diseases. The mechanism, demonstrated by a team headed by Prof. Lawrence Steinman of the Weizmann Institute of Science and Stanford University Medical Center in California, has already been used to block an antoimmune dis-

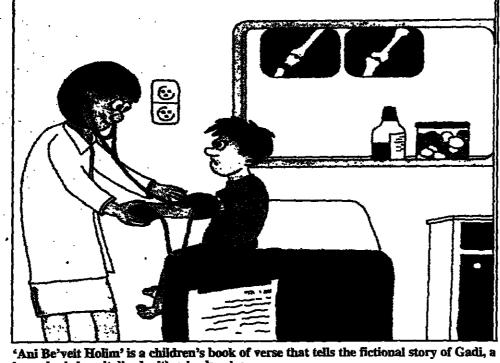
ease in lab animals. A recent issue of Nature magazine reports that the team found what may be one of the body's signals for stopping inflammation. We hope to use it to treat disease,"

Steinman said. MS, a chronic illness that attacks people in the prime of life, is characterized by inflammation of the myelin coating of the nerves and the disruption of the electrical impulses carried by them through the body, resulting in tempo-

rary or permanent dysfunction. The damage caused by autoimmune diseases, in which the immune system's T cells attack tissues in the body, occurs in several stages. The attack triggers an abnormal buildup of an entire spectrum of immune cells. which affect other tissue components and

cause severe inflammation. Scientists have long thought that the only way to treat these diseases was to suppress the immune system, but this can leave the body open to infections.

In the new study, the researchers showed it may be possible to turn off the attack-triggering mechanism without affecting the rest of the immune system. They used a certain protein fragment (called p87-99 analogue) to prevent the damaging build-up of other immune



boy who is hospitalized with a broken leg.

This protein fragment was found to work by inducing the T cells to release the signaling chemical interleukin-4, which chases the damaging immune cells away. This is apparently one of the ways in which the body stops inflammation naturally, as a few days after a throat becomes sore from a virus or after a red patch emerges from a tuberculin test.

Using the fragment, they caused inflammaparalysis in lab mice with a disease similar to MS.

REDUCING HOSPITAL FEARS

A 40-page, professionally produced children's book in Hebrew on what it is like to be hospitalized has been published by Gefen Books at the initiative of the pediatric department of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. Printed on kid-resistant cardboard, the book will be presented to young patients and their families.

Dedicated to the memory of Carole Klein. who devoted years to volunteer work in the department, it is beautifully illustrated by Nurit Avrech, a graphics student at the capital's Emmah Community College who was chosen from among 20 contestants.

Written in verse, Ani Be'veit Holim tells in first person the fictional story of Gadi, a boy who suffered a serious fracture in his leg while playing and was taken to the hospital. He goes through X-rays, tests, injections, infusions, a cast and pains. After a few days, he is sent home, much more knowledgeable about medi-

Perhaps wisely, the book does not mention life-threatening diseases that can't be fixed so easily; patients with easily treated conditions would probably be scared by the mention of cancer or surgery. A separate version could be written for children facing these.

EFFICIENCY WINS KUDOS

Staffers of the orthopedics department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem recently received first prize in a national competition for "excellent teamwork" organized by the Association for Quality and Productivity Teams in Israel and the Center for Quality and Excellence in the Prime Minister's

A quality-assessment and productivity team has been meeting regularly, under department chairman Prof. David Segal, to solve the department's various problems and improve service. The first prize was awarded for treatment of patients undergoing hip and knee replacement surgery.

Since 1991, patients have been asked to fill out forms rating their treatment, and the forms have shown high satisfaction. Hospital director Zvi Stern and the winning team will be received at Beit Hanassi by President Ezer

KIDS TEACH KIDS ABOUT AIDS

Thirty teenagers from the Shimon Ben-Zvi School in Givatayim have been trained to teach their peers bow to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, especially AIDS. The program, initiated by Kupat Holim Clalit's health education department, put the ninth to 12th graders through four days of studies and granted them certificates as "peer educators" at the

The teenagers learned about touchy issues. including how to treat AIDS patients and HIV carriers, and discussed medical ethics as well

as practical means of preventing infection. They then appeared before classes and youth-movement groups in Givatayim and Ramat Gan. They are currently translating from English into Hebrew a guide for other peer educators on teaching AIDS prevention.

lose weight. But there are some people - suffering from involuntary weight loss due to AIDS, burns, cancer, renal failure, gastrointestinal disorders, or chronic lung disease - who would do anything for a pill to help them gain weight.

Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals Inc. (BTG), a USbased firm with a large research and manufacturing facility in Rehovot's Kiryat Weizmann industrial park, has purchased a US company, Gynex, that produces such a pill.

BTG president, chief executive officer and treasurer Sim Fass was the one to realize the potential - in an age of AIDS - of such a drug and to make a successful bid for Gynex. Fass, born in pre-state Israel and brought to the US by his parents at the age of 10, says the deal is a turning point for the company, which has lost money for 14 of its 15 years due to the beavy investment that biotechnology research requires.

"We are now among the exclusive club of seven biotech firms in the US - out of 400 listed on the stock exchange - that are making a profit. Thanks to this drug, Oxandrin, we may be able to recoup in one year the \$39 million in stock transfers that it cost to buy Gynex," Fass says during one of his frequent trips to

"For years, doctors regarded severe weight loss in patients as just a tangential problem," Fass explains. "But a variety of studies have shown that if a patient loses 34 percent of his baseline body weight, he will die no matter what treatment he gets for the actual disease. This has been based even on data that people smuggled out about starving Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto."

Oxandrin is the commercial name of the synthetic testosterone that promotes muscle gain in patients with severe weight loss; the generic name is oxandrolone.

Manufactured for BTG by Searle in Chicago, it is being distributed by Quantum Health Resources in Indianapolis.

"Oxandrin is the only oral anabolic agent approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for reversing clinical weight loss," Fass says. In healthy individuals, a delicate

balance is maintained between the synthesis of protein and the building of muscle mass (anabolism), on the one hand, and the degradation of protein and depletion of muscle mass (catabolism) on the other. When the catabolic rate exceeds the anabolic rate, weight loss occurs.

A continuing catabolic state is known as cachexia, in which the patient's weight goes steadily downhill. This is frequently seen in AIDS patients. Other drugs for

appetite stimulants, but these lead mostly to the storage of fat and/or water instead of protein.

Oxandrin, taken orally and costing about \$4 per pill (or \$6,000 to \$9,000 a year per patient), has been shown in clinical trials to prevent or treat cachexia so that AIDS patients can remain ambulatory instead of being confined to hospital beds. This, Fass says, constitutes a major boon to health insurers, who save a lot on hospitalization.

BTG will supply Oxandrin free to AIDS patients in the US who lack health insurance. The drug, which is suitable for both men and women, is a testosterone analogue and has much less effect on the liver than injectible natural male hormones that build muscle mass. Since it is not metabolized in the liver, it has been regarded as safe for giving to alcoholics suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and severe weight loss who were part of clinical studies in Veterans' Administration hospitals in the US.

Approved by the FDA as far back as 1962 and showing little if any side effects if properly used, Fass says Oxandrin was for years the drug of choice for treating delayed puberty in children and Turner's Syndrome, a condition in girls who suffer from short stature and are sexually undeveloped. When the AIDS crisis hit the US, it was suggested as a way of dealing with severe weight loss in these patients. There are 160,000 American AIDS patients suffering from

Pill helps patients gain weight ost people would give anything for a harmless patients with severe weight loss are cachexia, plus 500,000 US patients with serious weight loss due to cancer, burns and other causes.

Thus, just a one-percent penetraltion of this market means some \$36 million in sales," Fass notes.

Oxandrin is not yet available here, as it has yet to be formally registered, but Fass expects it soon will be supplied here to specific patients on grounds of "compassion."

"AIDS carriers and their families in the US are desperate to find help, and they actually dictate their preferred treatment to their doctor," he says. "Some AIDS groups even tried thalidomide - the drug that resulted in the birth of severely deformed babies when taken by their mothers during pregnancy because it increases weight in AIDS patients, although only by increasing water and fat storage.

"AIDS patients are very aware of new developments, and they keep informed via the Internet. Oxandrin has already been mentioned many times on the computer network, and patients are demanding the drug from their health insurers, which prefer paying for it and having the patients ambulatory than to be running up bills in the hospital." Fass says.

Because Oxandrin is an anabolic drug - the type illegally sought by sportsmen eager to build up their muscles before a competition -BTG's distributor is careful in controlling the supply. Each doctor must write the prescription with a specific code or it won't be filled. There can always be abuses, Fass concludes, but supervision is very



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Sweden's unsuitability

OREIGN Minister Ehud Barak has vigor-ously protested Swedish Foreign Minister Lena Hjelm Wallen's visit to Orient House following her official visit to Israel. But neither the Swedish government nor anyone in Israel can take such protests seriously. Virtually every European foreign minister visits Faisal Husseini at Orient House, and Husseini acts as the Palestinian Authority's foreign minister. These hard facts, recognized by the whole world, make a mockery of the pro forma Israeli protests.

Wallen has gone through the motions of describing her visit as purely social - "a courtesy call." But to pretend that she and her hosts were discussing the weather over a cup of tea, particularly when representatives of the DFLP and PFLP were also reportedly present, is to scrape the bottom of the euphemism barrel.

Yet it would be a mistake to lump the Swedish visit with those of other foreign ministers. The ruling Swedish Social Democratic party has intervened in the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly its Palestinian component, with a missionary zeal unequaled by any other European government. Its anti-Israeli stance, formed soon after the state's establishment, was made into an article of faith by party leader and prime minister Olof Palme (assassinated in 1986). Wallen's public opposition to proposed Knesset legislation on the conduct of the General Security Service is typical of her government's patronizing, interventionist attitude. One can only imagine Sweden's reaction to an Israeli objection to a bill proposed in the Swedish parliament.

Sweden's record speaks for itself. Sweden has spearheaded Europe's efforts to legitimize the PLO and effect its recognition by Israel. It has never recognized Israel's borders; acknowledging only the 1947 UN partition plan. And though it did not officially join the economic boycott against Israel, virtually all its major companies (with the commendable exception of Volvo) have shunned business with Israel. Nor has it established cultural relations with Israel like other European countries. Typically, it promised to reciprocate then-president Chaim Herzog's 1989 visit with a royal visit within two years. It has yet to fulfill this promise.

Sweden has also been deeply involved in helping the PLO in its activities against Israel. Stockholm has served as a shelter and hub of activity for PLO functionaries. Swedish money has helped the legal defense of intifada activists arrested by Israel. And while the PLO's most heinous atrocities were never condemned by the Swedish government - at worst they were called "mistakes" - Israel's retaliatory actions were branded "crimes." In 1988 it started the legitimization process of the PLO by arranging a meeting between three self-styled American Jewish leaders and Yasser Arafat.

Now Swedish hands are itching to take an active part in the Oslo process. Assuming, not unreasonably, that Sweden's first objective -Israel's return to the 1967 lines - has been accomplished, the Swedes are now concentrating on the next target, Jerusalem. Arafat said on his recent visit to Stockholm that Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Larson will serve as a mediator in the negotiations on Jerusalem. And Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson has avidly sought to be involved in the final status negotiations.

With all this in mind, it will be a grave error indeed to invite Sweden's mediation on Jerusalem or any other issue. No government has proved itself less suitable for the job.

Irish peace shattered

THE IRA's policy of giving coded warnings before exploding its bombs does nothing to disguise the fact that its terrorism is an outrage deserving the widest condemnation. Hard upon the heels of universal anger in Britain and Ireland has come an orgy of finger-pointing and blame as to who is responsible for the shattered Northern Ireland peace process that lies buried in the ruins of the bombed London Dockland offices.

The blame for the return to such horrific violence against the innocent citizens of London of course lies squarely with the self-appointed leaders of the IRA. The refusal of its political ally Sinn Fein to condemn it can only strip away whatever veneer of credibility this party has had as a negotiating partner in the peace effort. Gerry Adams had frequently assured the people of Britain and Ireland that the days of violence were over, that Sinn Fein accepted that bombs and bullets have no place in democratic societies. Adams's call yesterday for an urgent meeting of the British and Irish governments following the bombing is no more than unmitigated gall - democratically elected prime ministers cannot allow themselves to be bombed to the negotiating table at the beck and call of terrorists.

However, a measure of soul-searching is indeed required in the British government. While Prime Minister John Major cannot of course be blamed in any way for this act of IRA terrorism, it is clear that his government has squandered much of the 18-month breathing space given by the cease-fire declared by both the IRA and the Unionist militias in Northern Ireland. Only last week a Jerusalem Post editorial sounded a warning that the cease-fire was growing more shaky each day, after Britain foolishly sidestepped recommendations made by the American-led commission of investigation, which all sides had asked for and agreed to accept.

If British bungling could be attributed to some high moral negotiating position, it might be excusable. But as so often in history, the prime minister chose to play Russian roulette with the Irish problem for the sake of preserving his party's narrow majority in parliament. Britain ignored the American recommendation to drop its intransigent stand on decommissioning militia arms in Northern Iteland and to get allparty talks moving as a matter of urgency. Instead, Major proposed the election of a Northern Irish assembly which would convene such talks. Since this was a blatant favor to his Northern Irish Unionist allies in parliament, it infuriated not only the extreme nationalists in Northern Ireland, but exasperated the Irish government and the US administration.

The current British government is known for its dithering on many issues, but Major's conduct on the peace process has been foolhardy in the extreme, given the dangerous realities on the ground in Northern Ireland.

It is still no excuse for the IRA's return to violence. There are hopes that the London bombing will prove to be an isolated incident and that the peace process can be rescued. A return to vicious civil war in Northern Ireland most likely much worse than that which preceded the cease-fire - would be an inconceivable



Concrete realities

NE day, probably soon, we will wake up, look around, and stare in disbelief at what we have done to a land that was once and perhaps still is called beautiful.

It may not happen at once, and it will not dawn on everyone with equal certainty. It may even be that no one will care, hell-bent as we us are on creating a mini-America, on exorcizing our inferiority complex on this tiny postage stamp of a country, hardly the size of a large county in Tex-

If America, the symbol of everything supposedly good in this world, has interstates, fast food, motels, and the like, how can we not have the same, the differences in our size and natural resources notwithstanding?

Are Tower Records, MacDonalds, and Toys R Us our way of showing our rich cousins that they have nothing over us any

Perhaps the revelation will occur on a fast spin from the center of the country to the Galilee on the new superhighway. With some luck, we may speed along. this new freeway, our own miniinterstate, and reach the Galilee in an hour or so, maybe in the same amount of time it took 25 years ago, before the advent of 24-hour traffic jams from Metulla to Eilat.

Flying past gas stations, motels, fast food joints, and strip malls, we will probably find just enough gas stations, motels, fast food joints and strip malls in the Galilee to wonder why we even bothered. Maybe then it will dawn on us that something has gone wrong.

It may take the headlong rush into suburbanization, taking place at a pace orders of magnitude faster than the same process required in the US.

With hardly a care, we conquer hilltop after hilltop, grove after grove and valley after valley, and pave them over with streets and malls, and villas and swimming pools, as if we had all the land in

BEN DANSKER

the world in which to spread out, or as if in our imaginations our little land stretched from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Perhaps it will come with a crisis brought on by a level of air pollution that will make Los Angeles look like a resort. Maybe we will wonder why all of sudden we have to ration water, somehow not understanding that concrete just doesn't absorb rainwater the way forests and farmland

Maybe we don't need a beautiful land. What's wrong with paving over a country?

Or one morning, in spite of or because of all of the new highways, we will pull out of our driveways (if we can) and just stop, unable to move as a result of a massive traffic jam stretching from one corner of the country to

For some the realization will come only when our beaches have all been turned into marinas, and agriculture is only for museums or songs about the early

MAYBE we don't need a beautiful land. What's wrong with paving over a country? After all, isn't real quality of life best enjoyed when you have a house, two cars, and a shopping mall nearby? If we need fresh air or trees or

rivers, we can go to someone else's land and enjoy them there. Airconditioners can keep out the pollution, and bottled water can keep us from going thirsty. And surely there will always be enough water for pools and to keep the golf courses green.

Many will argue that this is all inevitable. We have grown so rapidly in recent years. Our standard of living exceeds what any-

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one ever dreamed of, and of course there is a price to pay for

But such a response avoids responsibility for the kind of world we are creating and will leave to future generations.

There are different ways of making a future for ourselves. For one thing, we could replace our nearsighted micro-planning with the establishment of broad national goals and analysis at the macro level.

What remains of our few natural resources are a national treasure. They ought to be managed as such. Creative design and innovative thinking are as important here as in any other aspect of our lives as a people.

We may one day be a country of 10 or even 15 million people. The decisions we make today will determine the quality of life for decades.

Our models are wrong, and have to be replaced. We cannot plan and build and drive as if our and resources were like those of America. And even there more care is given to the environmental impacts of growth and development than here.

Paris is a city of more than four million people on hardly more land than Jerosalem or Tel Aviv. and it is considered one of the most beautiful and green cities in the world.

The populated area of Switzerland has a population density not so different from ours, and yet is a land of mountains and lakes and farms. So too, Holland and Belgium, and, for that matter, the state of Massachusetts, which isn't much bigger than Israel and

has about as many people. Only by adopting more appropriate models and making land use an intelligent tool of national strategy can we accommodate growth - tremendous growth and yet keep much of the beauty of this country as a living, not a distant, memory.

The writer is a business

Whose life?

JOSEPH E. MURRAY

VEN before Jeff Getty entered San Francisco
General Hospital for a transplant of bone marrow cells from a baboon, the PR machin-ery of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the Humane Society of the United States, and other groups that take the extreme animal rights view went into high gear. Humans have no right to interfere with animals, even if lives are in the halance.

They are - AIDS research would be impossible without animal experimentation.

Animal activists, in commentaries, letters to the editor and TV news sound bites, have blasted researchers' latest attempt to find an effective treatment for

It comes as go surprise: Six years ago, PETA's founder told a magazine reporter, that if animal research resulted in a cure for

AIDS, "We'd be against it." If we had listened to animal activists 50 years ago, children would still be contracting polio (the vaccine was developed in

Animal experiments in AIDS research must go on, despite the animal activists

monkeys). Diabetics wouldn't have insulin, a benefit of research on dogs. We would also be without antibiotics for pneumonia, chemotherapy for cancer, surgery for heart diseases, organ transplants, and joint replacement.

Today, once again, the animal activists are wrong. And we can't let a potential treatment for AIDS fall victim to their specious thetoric.

This debate isn't just about AIDS and Getty's immune system. The knowledge gained from pact on cancer therapy. The research will almost certainly enable doctors someday to treat leukemia, aplastic anemia and lymphoma patients with human bone marrow that is less than a perfect match, and to open the pool of potential organ donors to include animals.

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ANIMAL activists condemn the experiment as morally wrong because the baboon donor was killed. In practical terms, they say, even if the transplant works, there are not enough baboons to provide marrow cells for all AIDS patients.

The baboon donor for the Getty experiment, raised in captivity for research, was fully anesthetized while the marrow cells were drawn. The animal was then sacrificed because all tissue had to be preserved for further scientific study.

In the future, when the procedure moves out of the experimental phase, scientists will be able to harvest the necessary cells withont sacrificing an animal

Ultimately, sufficient immbers of cells will almost certainly be grown in cultures. As has been the case in countless other medical treatments, the initial techniques will be simplified as the procedure becomes more routine.

For all its potential, there are no guarantees that the procedure will work, that the transplanted cells will take hold in Getty's system, or that they will provide him with increased immunity. Nor are there any guarantees that he will be safe from baboon diseases.

Medical research is a lengthy. highly risky and expensive process with no certainties. The Getty experiment is an important step in an ongoing process, and scientists agree that whenever a cure for AIDS is found, it will be through animal research.

Medical researchers are working for the health of us all. They should not be diverted from that essential purpose by irrational "animal rights" demands. Lies, threats, intimidation and violence by the movement's extremists have already delayed scientists' projects, and kept the benefits of their research from the public."

As we approach the 15th and versary of the discovery of the AIDS virus, it is not enough to wear red ribbons and hope that a cure is found. We must actively support those scientists, doctors and brave volunteers who are on the front lines of research

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLOOD TESTING

Sir, - The case of the blood given by citizens of this country immigrating from Ethiopia is another example of bungling bureaucracy at its worst. One can talk about stigma on the one band and badly conceived thoughtfulness on the other hand. In fact, the problem resides elsewhere and it should be very much of a concern for all.

As a person who gives blood regularly, I was under the impression that the blood bank checks all blood samples for AIDS, hepatitis, venereal disease, etc. as a matter of course. In that case, in what is blood from people of Ethiopian origin different from any other blood? On the contrary, the authorities should be eager to get as many donors as possible so as to locate quickly and early the unfortunate carriers. But then, maybe the blood bank does not screen every blood sample, taking thus an awful calculated risk, for which someone will surely pay the price in the not-too-far-off future. Get the inquiry committees ready!

DANIEL BRAUNSCHVIG Jerusalem.

Health reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich comments: Unfortunately, since the Ma'ariv

has appeared on the Ethiopian immigrant blood affair. Magen David Adom tests all blood for hepatitis B and C and HIV (the AIDS virus). Hepatitis shows up immediately in these tests, and the blood is thrown away. However, even blood whose HIV test is negative can be infected with HIV, due to a "window" of time between actual infection and the appearance of antibodies that can be picked up by the test. A donor could have been infected with HTV anywhere from a day to several months before giving blood and MDA could not detect it. Since the prevalence of HIV in the blood of people from sub-Saharan Africa (including Ethiopians) is 50 times that in Israel's general population, the risk is high. Their blood has been destroyed except in cases where the blood type is rare. MDA froze this blood; if the donor returned six months later to donate again and was found HIV free, the original donation was defrosted and used when needed. However, not only is this process prohibitively expensive. but frozen blood is less beneficial to patients than fresh blood. Giving blood from high-risk groups is a serious risk - and MDA does not

"exposé," more misinformation

than accurate medical information

DEMOCRATS ABROAD'S CAUCUS

Sir, - To comply with the Delegate Selection Plan of 1996, we cordially invite interested American citizens in Israel to our local caucus to choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Democrats Abroad will again send 22 persons with nine delegate votes to the Democratic National Convention, to be held in Chicago, the third week in August. These delegates are chosen through a three-tier caucus system, the first, being local, to choose representatives - in our case seven persons representing our country committee - to go to the April 27/28 regional and global caucus where the actual delegates to the convention are chosen.

These seven delegates from Israel to the Toronto regional and global caucus will be elected at the March 10 local caucus, at the Zionist Confederation House, on Emile Botta St. in Jerusalem, (behind the King David Hotel), for further details contact either our chairman, Sheldon Schorer, at (09) 444747 or me at (08) 945-7671.

DAVID FROEHLICH, Secretary, Democrats Abroad (Israel)



For some politicians, drumming up support these days is like pulling teeth. Or maybe Binyamin Netanyahu is trying to put ideas in this voter's head? (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

POSTSCRIPTS

ROSALIE KLEIN of Rehovot clipped this tidbit from USA Today:

A Russian fisherman who caught a pike nearly lost his nose. The man was so excited that he kissed the fish on the mouth. The pike responded by clamping its iaws on the fisherman's nose. The pike's jaws remained tight-

ly locked on the fisherman's nose even after his companions had cut off its head. Doctors at a local hospital fi-

nally set the man free.

IT HAPPENS once in a blue moon, and it's going to happen on June 30: a blue moon.

The unusual phenomenon will be the second full moon in one month, and the first blue moon since September 30, 1993.

Something to look forward to.

A review of commentary and human

AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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Viktor and Al

Personal goodwill goes a long way

By CHARLES LANE

Traight-laced Al Gore and jowly Viktor Chernomyrdin make an unlikely pair. But the American vice president, product of St. Albans, Harvard and the U.S. Senate, and the Russian prime minister, who clawed his way to the top of a Soviet oil and gas conglomerate, share a certain seriousness of demeanor. And they actually seem to like each other. Together in Washington last week for the sixth session of their commission on U.S.-Russian cooperation, their closing press conference was peppered with "Al" this and "Viktor Stepanovich" that. The two men even relished a wry moment at the media's expense! To a reporter who asked if he had brought President Clinton a private letter from Boris Yeltsin about NATO expansion, Chernomyrdin replied: "Yes, I did." Pause for simultaneous translation. "But I didn't read it." Gore's somber façade dissolved into laughter.

Does all this bonhomic really help the U.S. deal with the ex-great power of Russia? "Demonization" of the enemy is one of foreign policy's age-old bugaboos, of course. But the opposite fallacy is "personalization"—becoming so warm and fuzzy toward another country's leader that you lose influence when your man leaves the scene. Ronald Reagan's critics, many of whom run Clinton administration Russia policy, accused him of demonizing the Soviet Union. Not surprisingly, critics of Clinton's support for Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin cry personalization. "Clinton has nowhere to go because he's so close to Yeltsin," says Paul Goble, a former State

Department official. But for Gore and Chernomyrdin, a little personalization has gone a long way. Generally speaking, the nuts and bolts of foreign affairs test Bill Clinton's attention span. Gore, by contrast, has long been engaged by the arcana of arms control, energy, the environment and space. Issues such as these, along with myriad legal technicalities, increasingly dominate the day-to-day bilateral relations between the two countries. With huge dollar amounts in the balance, serious business has to be conducted in detail and at a high level. The Russian economy, after all, runs-or fails to run-largely on personal connections. As prime minister, Chernomyrdin is the man to see.

The Gore-Chemomyrdin commission started as a space, energy and technology working group after the 1993 Clinton-Yeltsin summit in Vancouver. The idea was twofold: to set up yet

another regular forum in which the Russians could feel they are being treated like equals and to slice the red tape which might otherwise entangle U.S. efforts to reform and open the Russian economy—especially the oil parch, which Chemonmyrdin controlled as head of the Gasprom monopoly.

Since then, however, Gore-Chernomyrdin has grown into the forum where Russian and American officials hash our billions of dollars worth of joint endeavors affecting everything from the availability of diphtheria vaccine in the Russian countryside to the price of uranium burned in American nuclear reactors. Gore has used his Chernomyrdin channel to pass frank messages to Moscow about other issues: Bosnia, NATO expansion, Chechnya and, in virtually every meeting, the Russians' planned sale of a nuclear reactor to Iran.

The White House likes the idea so much it has tried to adapt it to other countries where substantial U.S. aid and investment, and large foreign policy interests, are at stake-and Gore has taken on the job. There is now a Gore-Mbeki commission with Vice President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa and a Gore-Mubarak commission with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. When Colin Powell was being mentioned for president or vice president, one vice presidential scenario had him doubling as Secretary of State. Minus the actual title, Gore has beat him to it. If there's a downside to the Gore-

Chernomyrdin schmoozing, it's that the matters they deal with are so complex that even when they sign a protocol or initial a letter of intent new problems can still crop up later. Take the plan under which the federally owned U.S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) is scheduled to pay up to \$12 billion over 20 years for 500 metric tons of bomb-grade uranium extracted from Russian nuclear missiles. The uranium will then be converted to a less enriched form and burned in American power plants. Nonproliferation experts hail it as a creative way to eliminate the threat of loose nukes in the former Soviet Union. But by last June, the entire transaction was in doubt; among other problems, the Russians and USEC couldn't agree on a price. In stepped Gore; in Moscow, he and Chernomyrdin announced an interim solution by which the Russians got a \$100 million advance, and the first ton of nuclear fuel was

tine matter," says an administration aide. Not quite. The domestic nuclear industry

shipped from Russia to the U.S. "It is now a rou-

objects that the deal amounts to "dumping" of Russian uranium. In Moscow, Gore had promised Chernomyrdin a waiver of U.S. antidumping laws. Senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico, who controls the subcommittee that oversees USEC, is resisting in favor of his own solution. Verification that the uranium being sent to America actually comes from missiles is another yet-to-be-resolved question.

Gore-Chernomyrdin was partly conceived as a channel of communication to Yeltsin's likely successor, a way to avoid repeating the Bush administration's problems in moving from Gorbachev to Yeltsin. Back in June, when Chernomyrdin and Gore convened in Moscow, Chernomyrdin was a national hero—having just negotiated a peaceful end to a tense Chechen hostage crisis while Yeltsin lay incapacitated. Now his presidential ambitions are in limbo, thanks to the Russian national funk, his party's poor showing in the recent parliamentary elections and Yeltsin's own apparent decision to run for a second term. Yeltsin is surrounded by aides eager to make Chernomyrdin the fall guy for the country's problems. Gore's effusive praise of Chernomyrdin, part of what Komsomalskaya Pravda has archly referred to as "aggressive" American backing for the prime minister, may have backfired by making Chernomyrdin appear to be the West's anointed. (Now Gore is careful to emphasize American support for "the reform process," not any individual person.)

Perhaps the lesson is that, where adverse political forces are at work, and incompatible national interests at stake, personal goodwill can only improve the atmosphere in which inevitable differences are expressed. Viktor isn't going to stop the nuclear reactor sale to Iran as a favor to Al. If Russia doesn't like America's offer on its bomb-grade uranium, it will sell it to European countries. With reactionaries ascendant, and Boris Yeltsin throwing reformist officials to the mob, Gore is doggedly emphasizing the progress Russia has made so far. But a note of resignation has crept into the Clintonites' private ruminations. "Obviously we worry about what will happen, but the point is we're giving it our best shor," says an official who has attended Gore-Chernomyrdin summits one through six—as if conceding he'll be lucky if there's ever a seventh.

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Du Pont's insanity defense emerges

By Alan Dershowitz

lready the groundwork is being laid for an insanity defense in the killing of wrestler David Schultz allegedly by the L wealthy John du Pont. His family and friends are no longer using the elitist term "eccentric" and are now describing the accused killer in more medical terms such as "paranoid." This shift in terminology reflects not only a future-looking strategy of exculpation, it also reveals a past pattern of discriminatory law enforcement based

According to the defendant's former wife, John du Pont had assaulted her on numerous occasions. He tried to push her from a moving car, threatened her with a knife, accused her of being a Russian spy and pointed a pistol at her. She called the police, but the local Newtown Square cops were John du Pont's friends and the beneficiaries of his largesse. He helped to train them in marksmanship and had served as a volunteer cop. The local police did nothing, according to the former Mrs. du Pont: "People in the department were aware [of the abuse] and nothing was done."

Nor was du Pont's former wife the only one to complain to the local police. Wrestling coach Andre Merzger says that du Pont once came to his house in a patrol car and threatened him with a gun. He called the police, but "they didn't do a dang thing." Then, in October, wrestler Dan Chaid says he saw du Pont drunk, carrying a machine gun. He also claimed that du Pont snorted cocaine and walked around the estate armed to the teeth and high as the sky. Chaid, too, called the police, who did nothing. The "eccentric" John du Pont was allowed to maintain his arsenal of weapons including machine guns and an armored personnel carrier despite his obvious mental problems and demonstrated propensity

Imagine if the person complained against were an indigent black man instead of an affluent du Pont. The cops would have arrested him before you could say du Pont de Nemours. Nobody would have described the black man as "eccentric." They would have called him a deranged criminal, charged him with an assortment of felonies and challenged any insanity defense. If he did prevail in an insanity defense, they would have kept him locked up indefinitely in a hospital for the criminally insane.

Notwithstanding this unfairness, John du Pont may well a plausible insanity defense. He will not be able to invoke any "abuse excuse" of the sort raised by Lorena Bobbitt and the Menendez brothers, since his was a life of privilege and there appears to be no evidence of victimization. But a long history of insanity is an authentic defense which traces its roots to ancient law. As Justice Felix Frankfurter put it:

"Ever since our ancestral common law emerged out of the darkness of its early barbaric days, it has been a postulate of Western civilization that the taking of a life by the hand of an insane person is not murder."

Just because du Pont may have been the beneficiary of special treatment by the police, doesn't mean he is not mentally ill. Indeed, he may even be able to argue — in an interesting twist on the abuse excuse — that the special solicitude shown him by the police made it even more difficult for him to understand the difference between right and wrong. His bizarre behavior and paranoid views were validated by the inaction, indeed the continued support, of the police. In this respect, we may see du Pont's lawyer try to put the police on ? trial, much like the O.J. Simpson defense team put officers Fuhrman and Vanatter on trial.

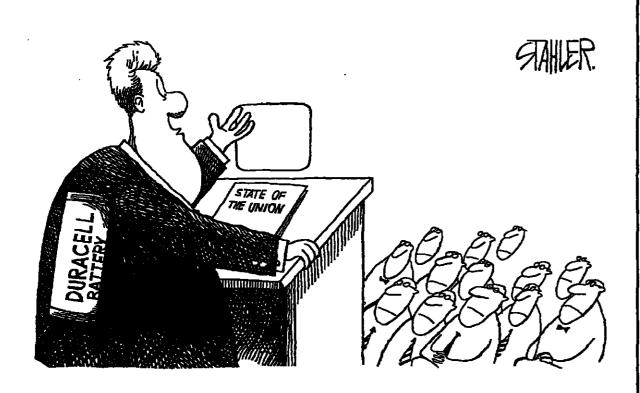
In the end, the case will probably turn on the medical testimony of psychiatric experts and the results of psychological and neurological tests. Since the insanity acquittal of John Hinckley back in 1982, there has been a backlash against the insanity defense, with many states tightening the criteria and shifting the burden of proof to the defendant. Pennsylvania law has remained relatively static. It imposes the burden of proving sanity on the prosecution, once the defense has raised a plausible claim of mental illness. But the standard for legal insanity harks back to the 19thcentury McNaughten rule, under which the accused must be laboring under a mental illness or defect which denies him the ability to distinguish right from wrong. This is a difficult standard to satisfy, though defendants with documented cases of serious paranoid schizophrenia do sometimes win insanity acquittals. Of course, "winning" an insanity acquittal in a murder case may be a pyrrhic victory. Though it denies the state the power to execute, it generally results in permanent incarceration in a hospital for the criminally insane. (Pennsylvania has added a verdict of "guilty but mentally ill," which simply provides psychiatric care to those confined pursuant to this hybrid finding.)

One way or another, it is unlikely — absent a legal miracle that John du Pont will ever again live an eccentric and protected life on his estate.

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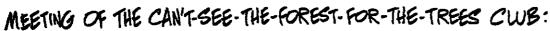
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Pat Buchanan's populism examined

By MICHAEL LIND

Tou may not have noticed, but quietly and ominously, Patrick Buchanan is laying out the intellectual case behind his claim to be the populist candidate. In a speech at the Heritage Foundation on Jan. 29, Buchanan road-tested his populist program for constitutional reform. Denouncing the federal judiciary as "an unelected elite which serves for life and is answerable to no one," he accused them of slighting the rights of red-blooded Americans in favor of "members of various minorities, including criminals, atheists, homosexuals, flag burners, illegal immigrants, convicts and pornographers."

Riled up? There's more. While Buchanan proposes to address this travesty with the standard populist panaceas — term limits for judges, recall of federal as well as state judges, voter repeal of Supreme Court decisions — one stands out in its constitutional seriousness. It is his plan to amend the Constitution to remove the requirement that Congress approve amendments before sending them to the states to be ratified. Under Buchanan's plan, any state could initiate an amendment, which would become incorporated into the Constitution if three-quarters of the states approved.

The proposal is a bizarre blend of states' rights and populist revolt, presumably designed to strengthen the "silent majority's" grip on the country. But if that's his goal, Buchanan should think again. Far from being a populist maneuver, his scheme is actually a shameless device for minority rule.

Consider the numbers. Half the American people live in the eight most populous states — California, Texas, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. The 12 largest states have roughly 166 million inhabitants — about 65 percent of the U.S. population. Under Buchanan's scheme, this 65 percent could be overruled in constitutional politics. Thirty-eight states (aggregate population, about 100 million) could ram through an amendment against the wishes of the rest.

Now in Buchanan's defense it might be argued that he did not come up with the idea of threefourths of the states being able to ratify amendments to the Constitution. It's in the Constitution itself, although in sig-

nificantly different form. But the Founders, unlike Buchanan, have an excuse for this bad idea. (Like the equally bad idea of equal representation for the states in the Senate.) In 1790, two years after the Constitution went into effect, the ratio of difference in population between the largest state, Virginia (748,000) and the smallest, Delaware (59,000) was 12 to. 1; today the difference between California and Wyoming is 66 to 1. What is more, in the early years of the republic the populations of the smallest three-quarters of the states would have added up to more than half the national total.

Still, the Founders weren't prophets and, under their system, as in Buchanan's, the 12 most populous states can be out-ratified by the lower 38. But at least the states where most Americans live have clout in proportion to their population in the House of Representatives. This prevents a national majority from being ganged up on by a minority of the American people when it comes to proposing amendments in the first place. And even in the case of a constitutional convention, the Constitution says that Congress shall call one — albeit on the application of two-thirds of the state legislatures - and presumably Congress could structure the convention to promote certain ourcomes. The more you ponder the Constitution, the dearer it is that the Framers went to great lengths to prevent a majority of the federal constitution.

Buchanan cannot even coherently invoke the antebellum South Carolina senator and political theorist John C. Calhoun in his defense. Calhoun, watching the numbers in the free North exceed those in the slave South, argued that constitutional government ought to rest upon the "concurrent; majority" --- the majority of states - as distinct from the "numerical majority," that is, the majority of Americans. But the whole point of Calhoun's concurrent majority was to slow down constitutional change, not to speed it up, as Buchanan wants to. Buchanan, then, is a true original. Before him, no one in the history of democratic political thought has ever suggested that a numerical minority of a nation's citizens should have the unchecked power to rewrite a constitution that is binding on a majority who are opposed. And this in the cause of populist revolt!

Perhaps, though, Buchanan really has something else in mind: increasing the political weight of conservative voters indirectly, by exaggerating the (already exaggerated) power of small states - a Micro-State Strategy to complement the Southern Strategy. Size does seem like a surrogate for political ideology if you contrast big, liberal New York with small, conservative Wyoming. But wair a minute - hasn't New York elected conservative Republicans as governor, junior senator and mayor of New York City? Nor are all small states brimming with Buchananites. Not far from the rock-ribbed Republicans of New Hampshire are the aging hippies of Budington, Vermont (which declared itself the sister city of Hanoi). The results of the 1992 presidential vote are not good news for Buchanan either. Among the 10 most populous states, seven voted for Clinton and three for Bush; among the 10 least populous, the pro-Clinton ration was 6 to 4. Big deal.

Buchanan is perfectly within his rights, of course, to question the Constitution's provisions for amendment. The whole point of a constitution is to check the political class; but our Constitution gives elected politicians a monopoly on proposing amendments. Why not make the Constitution amenable, on citizen initiative, and with the ratification of a super-majority of voters nationwide (not a majority of states)? Only the most die-hard elitist would argue that four-fifths of the American people cannot be trusted with such power.

Buchanan should not be criticized, then, for raising the subject of altering the inherited procedure for amending the federal Constitution. But when he tries to pass off amendment-by-minority proposal as populism, he deserves to be exposed. Whatever one thinks of populism, no genuine populist would dream of allowing a minority of Americans, concentrated in small states, to override the majority of the American people and rewrite the people's charter of government. As his crackpot scheme shows, Buchanan's populism is as phony as his obsessive harred of "members of various minorities, including criminals, atheists, homosexuals, flag burners, [and] illegal immigrants" is real.

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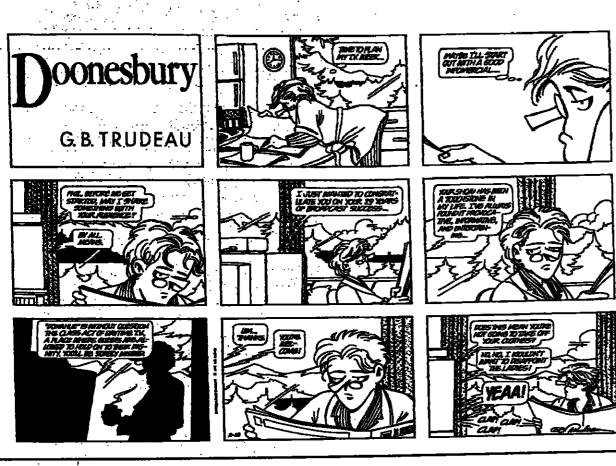
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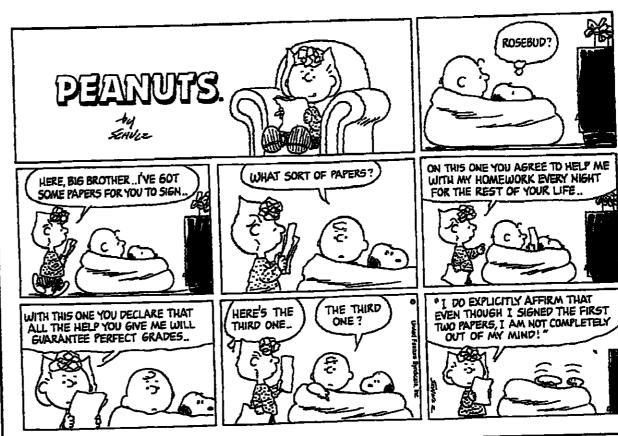


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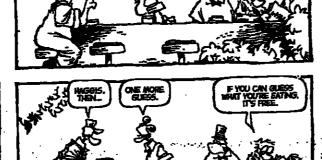














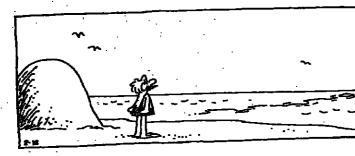










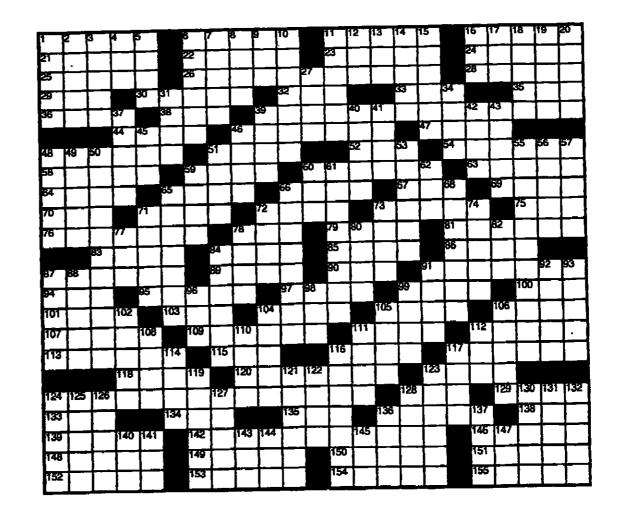








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Tom DeLay: House Majority whiplash

By Hanna Rosin

Tou may be wearying of misty-eyed congressmen, their nerves frayed by battle, pining for the gentler days of doffed hats and kind words. But, then again, you may not have run into Tom DeLay lately. Witness the House Majority Whip at 10 p.m., storming out of the State of the Union Address in high dudgeon.

At the other end of Statuary Hall, the beatific Connie Morella, a Republican from Maryland, praises "our great president" in honeyed tones for his "vision" and "fine points."

But down at his end DeLay is picking fights.

Reporter: Like what lies?

DeLay: He says he wants to balance the budget. He's done nothing to balance the budget. Reporter: He gave you a balanced budget. DeLay: It's phony. It has gimmicks in it. Reporter: So does yours.

DeLay: No it doesn't.

"Who are you?" DeLay yells, thrusting his face into the reporter's then retreating with a hearty snicker. Seconds later, the whip is on Fox TV, brandishing his list of 21 lies for live feeds across the nation. (By the next day his count was up to forty-seven.)

Sure, there's the raving Newt Gingrich and the hidebound Dick Armey, who helped steer the revolution aground. But compared to DeLay, those two are pussycats.

From his colleagues, the word that comes up most often in connection with DeLay is "ambitious." "The way he reaches out to rightwing interest groups," says one, "he acts like a candidate for something." A fellow member of the leadership fills in the blank: "Obviously, he wants to be Speaker someday."

DeLay has at least one part of the whip's job down: While Gingrich waxes visionary and Armey plots strategy, he twists arms. During the first 100 days, out of about 400 votes on the House floor, DeLay failed to round up the votes for only four. But the victories come with some pain. "DeLay's style can be intimidating," admits mild-mannered Indiana freshman Mark Souder. "One time he yelled at me so loud that Walker had to gavel him down. Walker pulled him aside and told him to keep quiet." But, he adds, "he's not so naive as to hold a grudge."

Each time DeLay has tried to dominate, the strategy has bombed — so badly that it has often blotted out the victory of the lockstep Contract votes. On the budget, fellow members describe DeLay as the devil on Gingrich's shoulder, prodding the frazzled Speaker to bring on the train wreck. When Gingrich suggested an interim spending bill to reopen the government, DeLay bristled. "Screw the

Senate. It's time for all-out war," The Washington Post reports him as saying. Later, DeLay insisted Gingrich watch a tape of Gore's gloating speech on the budget, to prick his resolve. "He was a constant thorn, egging Gingrich on," recalls a member of the leadership involved in the budget negotiations. "We all had differences, but Tom's sometimes broke out into hostile differences. Tom amplified the strident concerns of the freshmen. But he has no sense of teamwork or long-term strategy. Without that, you tend to spin your wheels." He adds: "I don't think Tom has the understanding of proportions that Newt does. I don't think he's as intelligent. He's very ambitious, and his ambition clouds his judgment."

Recalling his role, DeLay at first sounds chastened. "My first kneejerk reaction was we need to keep the government shut longer to keep the pressure on the president," he says. "But later, Newt convinced me that was the wrong path." In the next breath, though, he is back on the warpath. "We'll still win. We'll send him another welfare reform. Entitlement reform," he says, working up a lather. "We'll make him eat that State of the Union."

On special interests, DeLay's been positively brazen. On K Street he's known as "the Hammer" for his skill at pounding lobbyists for cash. As head of Project Relief, the oddly named collection of corporate supporters, DeLay was host, cashier and bouncer, throwing parties for lobbyists in House chambers and collecting cash at the door. To date, he's raised millions for the party and, up to June, \$322,000 for himself, a sum second only to Gingrich. There's one tactic he invented that he's particularly proud of. If a lobbying firm wants access, they have to fire the Democrats on staff first and replace them with party faithfuls. "The problem is these Democrats who spend an hour being nice to us and the other 23 figuring out how to take us out. I want my friends in there, not my enemies." Adds David Rehr, an old friend of DeLay's and a lobbyist for the National Beer Wholesalers Association: "He likes this mythology building around him in the lobbying community, that he's this 800pound gorilla nobody can mess with."

DeLay showed his first sign of defensiveness about his lobbying after the State of the Union, when he got prickly about one detail. "What really makes me sick," he said in a speech the next day, "is the president saying lobbyists and polluters wrote those bills. It's an outright lie." Later he added angrily: "I wrote that bill," referring to the regulatory moratorium in the first 100 days. "Nobody wrote me that bill. I wrote it."

But if this is a change in strategy, he for-

got to tell Rehr, his unofficial PAC adviser. Rehr is still bragging about joint exploits, on and off the record. "He's good at putting together the inside and outside operation," Rehr helpfully explains. "He links up members and their staff with our people, and we build up support. For example, on the moratorium, we came up with the idea, and took it right past the House into the Senate." What about the problem of lobbyists writing bills? "It's like my favorite quote from that Humphrey Bogart movie. 'Oh my God, there's gambling going on here?'"

In the end, though, it's hard to charge DeLay with hypocrisy because he lacks the rudimentary phoniness necessary to pull it off. He seems to believe his own angry rhetoric: that the world divides into friends and enemies; that his men are Great Americans, and Democrats are ivory-tower snivelers. He boils Democrats' constituents down to "Greenpeace, Queer Nation, the National Education Association." Then he adds, without a hint of irony, that he's proud to put coalitions together with "all kinds of people, from the Christian Coalition to the Eagle Forum, from Arco to Exxon." At a Texas town hall meeting, he risked loud boos when he told the crowd he opposed the lobby gift ban. His reason? It was a "leftist conspiracy" designed to keep right-wing groups from organizing. It never occurred to him that it might affect Greenpeace, too.

The end of our interview brings one last snicker. "Heh, heh, heh. I see what you're getting at. Yeah, I wish there was more comity." Then he promptly saborages his own wish. "But you know, I've noticed over the years the reason there was comity was because Democrats were good to Republicans as long as they were satisfied taking crumbs from their table. If there's no comity, blame the other side." Some guys will never change.

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Kemp Faces Tough Endorsement Choice

By Robert Novak

riends of former Rep. Jack Kemp have told him that if he finally decides to endorse Sen. Bob Dole for president, he should rule himself out for any Cabinet slot in a future Dole dministration.

Otherwise, friends say, it will appear that Kemp is backing his longtime intra-Republican rival to fulfill his undisguised desire to be secretary of the Treasury.

Former Rep. Vin Weber, Kemp's close friend and a national cochairman for Dole, pressed him to endorse the senator this past week when his slumping campaign needed help. But Kemp, who last year promised to support Steve Forbes if he ran, delayed a decision.

REMOTE LEADERSHIP

Efforts by Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott to push for a major budget settlement fell flat when it became clear that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole was busy on the presidential campaign trail.

After House Speaker Newt Gingrich proposed a modest "down payment" on a balanced budget by enacting spending cuts already agreed to in recent White House negotiations, Lott phoned him to suggest a more ambitious undertaking. Lott wanted Republicans to press President Clinton for deeper spending reductions and a cut in the capital gains tax.

Gingrich said he would consider the expanded agenda. But hopes for anything happening soon were dashed when the majority leader's office indicated that Dole would be busy in Iowa and New Hampshire seeking to pin down the Republican presidential nomination. While aides said Dole would be ready to return to Washington at a moment's notice if opportunity beckoned, he is not available to take the initiative.

FORBES' FRIEND

GOP presidential hopeful Steve Forbes has no plans to cut his link with informal campaign adviser Tom Ellis, the veteran conservative political strategist from Raleigh, N.C., who was recently linked to an allegedly racist group by the New York Times. Ellis was prominent in past presidential campaigns for Ronald Reagan and Jack Kemp.

Ellis was identified by the Times as a director of the Pioneer Fund, which financed a study of alleged racial inferiority by blacks. Ellis joined the fund's board in 1973 at the invitation of its manager, New York lawyer Harry Weyher (a former college fraternity brother of Ellis).

Ellis never attended a meeting and resigned in 1977. The Pioneer Fund, whose founders in 1937 included Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, gave grants to universities and research groups for scientific studies into inheritability.

A REPORTER'S BACKGROUND

A withering profile of an anti-Clinton Whitewater investigator that appeared in Roll Call, the widely read Capitol Hill newspaper, was written by a reporter with ties to the Arkansas establishment.

Mary Jacoby assailed David Bossie, an aide to Republican Sen. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina, for his record of political activism against the Clintons. It was not revealed that she formerly was employed as a file clerk by the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, which is central to the Whitewater investigation. Her father, John Jacoby, is an official of Stephens Inc., the Little Rock-based investment bankers long allied with President Clinton.

Asked by this column about Mary Jacoby's Rose connection, Stacy Mason, editor in chief of Roll Call, responded: "I don't know what relevance that has to the story." As for Jacoby's father, Mason asked: "What does that have to do with anything?"

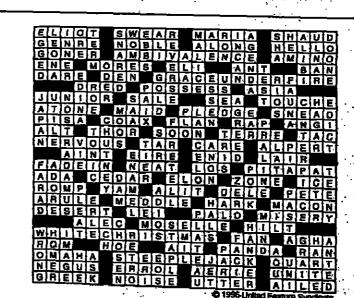
NO N.H. FRATRICIDE

Contrary to widespread speculation, New Hampshire GOP insiders say there is absolutely no chance that popular Gov. Steve Merrill will challenge embattled Sen. Bob Smith for the party's Senate nomination

Merrill would be heavily favored against Smith, whose antiabortion rhetoric has alienated moderate Republicans. But intraparty bloodshed might elect a Democrat.

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vicinne Silver has photography in her blood; both of her grandfathers were photographers, as were both of her

In 1924, her paternal grandfather, Arnold Zylbershlag, left Poland for Palestine, where he established a studio called Photo Roshem. He also set up a bucket factory, but because of British restrictions, his endeavors failed and he returned to Poland where most of his family perished in the

Only his son and daughter-inlaw, Leo and Dorothy, Silver's parents, managed to escape to Rhodesia, where they set up a highly successful atelier in Bulawayo.

During World War II. Leo joined the RAF and taught aerial photography to British pilots. His daughter, Vivienne Silver, a

petite, lively-eyed woman in the prime of life, interrupts her story to offer me some herb tea. While she goes outside to pick a flavorful bouquet of verbena, lemon grass, rosemary and sage, I am left to study the collection of early 20th-century prints hanging on the walls of her gallery at the Ein Hod artists' village near Haifa.

In 1971, after working with her parents and studying photography in Europe, Silver came to Israel. Her first job was at Tel Aviv University, where as the campus DAVID BRAUNER

photographer, she contributed to the in-house magazine and established the university's photo

She won a scholarship to Brigham Young University in Utah, where she completed her BA. From there she went on to the University of Arizona, which she says is "one of the few places where one could complete an MA in the history of photography."

Back in Israel, Silver found a job at the Israel Museum. She edited the museum's newsletter. and later guest-curated the 1987 "Captive in a Dream" photo exhibit celebrating the 20th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification.

However, Silver says she was nagged by the persistent feeling that she was abandoning her mission in life. Taking as her model Alfred Steightz (1864-1946), the man who almost singlehandedly established photography as an artistic medium in the US, Silver set "championing Israeli photography" as her goal.

As a photo historian, she limits her collecting and research to the "mainstream documentary and classical pictorial or art tradition (not the experimental or conceptual) to show aspects of Israeli

"From its very inception," Silver observes, "Zionism in Eretz Israel has been reflected in the works of Jewish photographers like Yosef Schweig [1903-84]. Helmar Lerski [1871-1956] and Avraham Soskin [1880-1963]. The first two decades of this cenmry were the age of innocence. Photographs portrayed people fused with the land.

"By the '30s the growing modernist art movement began to influence photography. Images of pioneers depicted them in ways that clearly showed them to be self-conscious of their role in the Zionist dream."

SILVER SEES the country's early photographers as parts of a jigsaw puzzle because each worked in a different field and together they form the complete historical pic-For example, A. Himmelreich,

in addition to documenting industry, devoted himself to chronicling Israel's dance movement from the mid-1930s on. Another virtual unknown is Annie Landes, Israel's first fashion photographer. Silver tells the story of how, after making initial contact with Landes, she called her again a year and a half later. Landes told her that she had moved and thrown away her



Photo historian Vivienne Silver in her gallery at Ein Hod. She views collecting images as 'saving a part of our history.' (David Brauner)

"My hair stood on end when I heard that," Silver says, "Now a whole piece of the puzzle is missing. The longer historians wait, the harder it will be to find out about the photographers and their

Silver also presents slide shows A dealer in fine photography.

and lectures at her gallery and in Silver views collecting images as museums and schools to encourage appreciation of photography. especially among the young.

Together with her husband, pho-

tographer Roy Brody, she created a fun photo-adventure touring map of the Ein Hod artists' colony

and a hands-on photography program for youngsters. Silver is always on the lookout

for information concerning photographers of Israel's past and examples of their work. Her phone/fax number is (04) 984-

The art of budging your budgies' voices

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

eople who come here from other countries and have owned or had a close acquaintance with a budgerigar, or "budgie," often express surprise that so few budgies in Israel talk in human speech. One reader even said that the man in her local pet shop did not know anything about teaching budgies to talk and she wondered if the budgerigars here are different.

No, they are not. Wherever you find them, these small, colorful parakeets are the same. The major difference, however, is in how they are kept. Since the aim of most Israelis is to have a pet that will happily breed and reproduce, the Israeli owner is, in general, far more interested in this aspect of the pet's life. Consequently budgies are almost always kept here in pairs, in sharp contrast to other countries where owning a single budgie is common.

A budgie with a mate doesn't talk to people. These gregarious little birds only talk to people as a last resort because of the terrible loneliness they experience when kept alone all their lives.

In the wild these birds nest and live in large colonies, sometimes with dozens of nests within a few square meters. There they chatter in budgie-talk all day long as do a pair in a cage, constantly billing and talking.

This is the reason why these

birds almost never adopt human speech in their search for communication. It is also the reason why a single pair of budgies are much

Scientists now believe that it is likely that life once thrived on Mars – and that it

may still exist under its surface.
"Most of us here believe that

there is a significant probability

Macquarie University, Australia,

told an international meeting

organized by the charitable Ciba

This year sees the 20th anniver-

It failed to find evidence of life

and subsequent meetings of

"exobiologists" came to the dis-

appointing conclusion that condi-

tions on the surface of the "Red

Planet" are not conducive to life,

certainly not life as we know it.

ning Mars missions that will hunt

for fossil evidence. One issue

already under discussion is the

risk of contaminating Earth if

one of these missions returned

with samples containing spores

concerns that have to be prepared

for," Dr. Jack Farmer of Nasa's

Ames Research Center told the

meeting.

The belief that life might exist

on Mars has been supported by

studies of microbes thriving in

extreme conditions on Earth.

Last October, the Pacific Northwest Laboratory in

These are important ethical

or microbes.

Now, however, Nasa is plan-

sary of the Viking mission to

Foundation in London.

Mars.

that there was life on Mars,"
Prof. Malcolm Walter of

less likely to nest than a pair in an aviary where there are lots of other budgies and active competition for nesting facilities. Some people solve this by placing a fairly large mirror or mirrors on one or two sides of the cage to create the illusion that there are other pairs nearby. One may often see a pair of caged budgies talking excitedly to their own reflection.

This also is one method of getting a single budgie to speak to humans in their language, by putting a mirror in the cage and speaking to the budgie from behind it. The budgie talks back to its own reflection and imitates what it takes as the speech of the other bird. Even in colonies budgies develop their repertoire of bird talk by imitating one another.

Now the Israeli system of keeping breeding pairs is not likely to produce many real talking budgies, but I have a feeling that it's quite a bit more natural than condemning a budgie to a life of isolation.

Many parakeets and parrots have been consigned to this solitary existence over the centuries. So too have a lot of canaries and nightingales since these birds must also be isolated from their female companion in order to get them to sing, for their melodious song is especially produced to attract a partner.

This does not mean that budgies and other parrots do not develop a very real affection for their human companions, for they definitely do. But this affection is at best a compromise and not a real substitute for fulfillment of the bird's most basic and natural inclinations.

in the extreme temperatures, said

Prof. Karl Stetter of the University of Regensburg. The

microbes derive their nutrition

Mars-like conditions have been

found deep under north Alaska,

said Prof. Stetter. Although the

soil is frozen to a depth of 400 meters, it is sufficiently warm at

even greater depths to support huge communities of hyperther-

Scientisis believe that condi-tions for life could have emerged

on Mars between three and four

billion years ago, when the plan-

When the atmosphere of the

planet was lost, more than two

billion years ago, Mars cooled and its surface dried to leave val-

leys, channels and polar ice caps.

have taken a dive under the sur-

face, tracking the habitable zone

of liquid water," said Dr Farmer.

the first in a series of missions

will be launched to study a site

where rapid mineral precipitation

could have entombed Martian

In July 1997 a probe will enter

the thin Martian atmosphere and

land on the planet's cold surface.

The lander will release a teth-

which is below freezing point.

ered robot which will roam

around and analyze the composi-

tion of the terrain. However, we might have to wait until 2005 to

see any conclusive evidence of

traces of life, when a mission will attempt to return the samples to

To test this theory, in December

The idea is that life would

et was warmer and wetter.

from water and rock.

Only the toughest of microbes

can survive Mars's cold

Peter Frye: His tale was more guts than glory

"an act of saving a part of our his-

tory." She sees photographic

images as an on-the-spot, primary

source of history, vital to the

understanding of future genera-

dventure was in Peter Frye's blood, meaning he A Frye's blood, illeaning attended to be impulsive. To Frye, adventure was adopting theater as a career and volunteering for the International Brigade in wartom Spain.

Coming to Israel in the midst of the War of Independence was also a risky adventure. Yosef Millo, on behalf of Tel Aviv's Cameri Theater, had invited the young Canadian to direct two plays.

Millo signed the letter, "With
comradely greetings," Frye
recalls in Life and Theater: the Double Journey (by Peter Frye and Thelma Ruby-Frye, Zmora-Bitan Publishers. 434 pp.).

Frye interpreted this to mean. that Milio was a kindred leftist soul, and traveled to Rome. There. Danny Agronsky, son of the edi-tor-in-chief of The Palestine Post, put him on a plane with emigrants from Libya. Nobody met him at the airport.

He hired a taxi, which deposited him at the office of the Cameri Theater at 7 a.m. He sat on the stairs and waited for somebody to arrive. That night, however, he was taken to a Purim party where he met most of the Cameri mem-

When he started working, a few

days later, he made his first enemy: Yossi Yadin. Frve found that Yadin was unsuited for the part the Cameri management had reserved for him in the French drama that Frye was to direct. Frye insisted on casting the actors as he thought fit.

Yadin was placated with a suitable role in another play. But Frye had trouble with a young actress called Hanna Marron.

"She used to be a star as a child, it is hard to handle stars," Frye But with much patience and

work, she performed brilliantly. Yitzhak Sadeh, the Palmah commander, took Frye to show him the battlefields in the south; David "Dado" Elazar gave him a tour of the north.

Everywhere I was received with honors, as one who took part and was wounded in the 'Spanish Palmah," he recalls. But the Cameri didn't give him

any other plays to direct, probably, Frye muses, because Millo wished to do all the directing himself. And so, Frve returned to New

He traveled to Tel Aviv again a year later to direct Of Mice and Men. He was destined to see much more of Tel Aviv. Though he had

SRAYA SHAPIRO succeeded in television in New York, no one would hire him after

THERE AND THEN

he appeared on senator Joe McCarthy's Red List. Then an Israeli, Zvi Kolitz,

asked him to direct a film, of which he only knew the title. Hill 24 Does Not Answer. Though the invitation seemed vague and unprofessional, he had no other offers and accepted. And so, in 1953, he was back in Israel, creating the first Israeli film and directing for the Cameri.

Financing for the film came from haphazard sources: Kolitz's friend Jack Padoa, a British-born travel agent; Kolitz's brothers in Jerusalem; and, most importantly, Rebecca Sieff.

The shooting was done in the Israel Film studios in Herzliya, managed by Margot Klausner, 'a lady who was involved in everything which was not usual, including para-psychology," Frye com-Klausner invited a British direc-

tor to work on the film with Frye. Frye couldn't work with him and sued the sponsors for £75,000. The court awarded him £25,000, and, even after paying his lawyer

15%, it was the largest sum he ever possessed.

GROOMING HANNA Rovina for the part of Medea, Frye brought the Great Lady of Habimah to tears. He wanted her to act realistically, to portray a simple woman brought to a frenzy by circumstances. Exasperated when she did not.

Frye declared he was quitting and slowly descended the winding stairs to the street. Before he reached the bottom, however, he was called back by excited actors, shouting to him that Rovina was crying. All was well after this, Rovina's Medea was hailed by critics here and in Paris, where Habimah performed in 1955.

Frye admits he had some misgivings when Shimon Finkel, then Habimah artistic director, asked him to stage The Jews of Silence, based on Elie Wiesel's tale of the woes of Soviet Jews. His communist past made him

chafe at presenting the Soviet Union in a dimmed light. However, he worked on the piece. practically rewriting Wiesel's text. Wiesel, who lived in the US, refused to attend the rehearsals. But after the play had been running for a fortnight, Wiesel arrived incognito, bought a ticket and, immediately after the performance, gave a damning report on what he had seen. This did not prevent him from garnering complements when *The Jews of* Silence was performed at the Zionist Congress in Antwerp, Frye remarks bitterly.

Frye directed 30 plays in various companies in Israel and also several films, including the highly successful I Like Mike based on Aharon Megged's story. He also directed a very popular radio series, My Father's Home,

in which scores of prominent Israelis recalled their youth. Unfortunately, the tapes were not preserved. He also held the theater chair at the Tel Aviv University. Frye's third wife, was Thelma Ruby, a British actress whose career highlights were playing the female lead in Fiddler on the Roof and portraying Golda Meir.

His last four years were miserhim to a wheelchair. But he was not beaten. He and Thelma recorded their reminiscences in numerous long sessions. Self-centered as actors may be, the record is dramatic.

Fighting for the right to play

apanese headteachers were borrified when posters urging pupils to "misbehave" were pasted up in schools all over the

They tracked down the culprits, delivered a firm reprimand, and made them promise not to do it again. The poster in question was a calendar with quotes from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Compared with the violent rap lyrics and lewd rock videos to which Western schoolchildren are exposed, the calendar's message seems inoffensive.

It states that children have the right "to say what they think", "to express themselves", "to rest, to play and to experience beautiful things." Japan's parliament signed the convention last year, but for many schools, the document's assertion that children have rights goes too far. We received a lot of com-

plaints," said Toshio Sano. a spokesman for Nikkyoso, the leftist teachers' union which printed and distributed 45,000 copies of the calendar to 40,000 primary and middle schools.

"Many headmasters and boards of governors thought the poster encouraged students to disobey their teachers." Clause 16, ascribing to juveniles "the right to keep secrets from other people," was thought to be a license to cheat at exams. The idea of a "right to play" was thought to bode ill for exam results.

"It's a great shame, but many teachers don't like to think of their pupils as individuals with rights." said Sano. "In some schools they threw away the calendar, in others they stuck it up in the staff room where the children couldn't read it." At most schools, hair and skirt length are stipulated to the nearest

half inch. Pupils with questions

must raise their hands to a set height and angle, and the order in which school meals may be eaten is often prescribed.

Girls with naturally curly hair need notes from their mothers verifying that they have not permed it. Amid such forced uniformity, those who do not fit in are cruelly bullied.

In one recent week alone, two students committed suicide after being persecuted by their classmates. Police in nonhern Japan announced recently that they had cautioned three 12- and 13-year-old boys who drove a classmate to kill himself by reneatedly teasing him and forcing him to undress in public.

Youth suicides rose so sharply from 134 in 1993 to 266 in 1994 that education minister Mikio Okuda recently called for a series of conferences to combat bullying in schools. (The Daily Telegraph)

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OCCUPATION: NAZI-HUNTER The Continuing Search for

The renewed interest in the efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of the Holocaust was sparked by

revelations that Allied countries such as USA, UK, of the Israel Office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and coordinator of the Center's research on Nazi war revived in the seventies, how it was carried out in the eighties and whether it can continue in the nineties. Foreword by Rabbi Marvin Hier.

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Perpetrators of the Holocaust

Canada and Australia had afforded a postwar haven to thousands of Nazi collaborators. Efraim Zuroff, director criminals, discusses in his book how Nazi-hunting was

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Richland found primitive bacteria tough enough to survive on Called hyperthermophiles, these organisms can live and multiply without oxygen or light

organisms.

Snowboarding hits Mt. Hermon

ALAN ROBERTS

SKI-LIFT operators at Mt. Hermon gave Avihu Levanon a hard time when in 1989 he appeared at the resort carrying a snowboard he'd got at Winter

Park, Colorado. Levanon, then 28, was the first snowboarder the operators had ever laid eyes upon. They blocked his access to the ski-lift saying that his equipment looked dangerous and that someone would get

"I had to climb up the mountain by foot in order to snowboard down, just to show them I could control my board and stop inches short of them if I wanted to," Levanon Snowboarding is perfectly safe safer than skiing even!"

Today, six years down the line, Levanon is a snowboarding instructor at the Mt. Hermon Ski School - and a staunch defender of the controversial sport many estab-lished skiers regard with utter contempt. To their dismay, the relatively new sport of snowboarding is literally taking off in leaps and bounds all over the skiing world including Mt. Hermon.

In France, the number of snowboarders on the slopes has doubled in just one year. Fifty percent of winter sport enthusiasts on French slopes are snowboarders. At the beginning of this season, Japan purchased 600,000 skis and exactly the same number - 600,000 - snowboards. In Italy, as at Mt. Hermon, 20% of the winter sports enthusiasts on the slopes are snowboarders. Eli Inbar, Manager of the Mt. Hermon Ski Resort, predicts that that percentage will double by next year and that the sport is growing "beyond our wildest expectations."

It may, at some point, even overtake skiing in popularity," Inbar ventures.

And with good reason. The learning curve of a novice snowboarder is steeper than that of a beginner skier. "In a day," says Levanon, "you can be king of the slopes on a snowboard. Dozens of surfers and skateboarders from the coastal area have been coming along and learning

snowboarding in no time. "Last week, a beginner paid NIS 240 for a double lesson of two hours. After 15 minutes on the learners slope, I took him up to the



MAN OVERBOARO - Snowboarding is soaring in popularity - to the dismay of some skiers.

intermediary slope and he grasped it just like that. He was so happy. He said skiing took him a much longer time to learn.

But the problem with snowboarding, according to Financial Times ski columnist Arnold Wilson, is that while a skier has a 180-degree range of vision, the snowboarder is limited to a 90degree range. For that reason many skiers complain about snowboarders appearing seemingly out of nowhere on collision course with them.

Snowboarders, they gripe, have an attitude problem: they are mostly the younger set made up of Nirvana, heavy metal, rebellious, baseball-cap-turned-backwards, earing-in-ear types. They wear dark reds and blues while the fashion in skiing circles is for

bright, sunny colors. They break all the rules on the ski slopes," one diebard skier moaned. "In the US and Europe, they deliberately shave and destroy foliage and signposts with the hard iron rims of their boards

Levanon disagrees. "In the beginning," he admits, "that might have been true, but today the picture is completely different. I train my snowboarding students all the time to watch their 'mirrors.' When you make a turn, look over your shoulder to make sure you're not going to hit someone - and slow down before turning. Skiers themselves often cross the slopes without looking left or

right and end up crashing. Snowboarding's history is checkered. Utah State, and many skiing slopes around the world banned snowboarding outright in the late 1980s. Ski resort operators later realized they were losing so much business from families who would show up with teenage sons and daughters wishing to snowboard, they reversed the ruling.

Nowadays, according Levanon, snowboarders are of all ages, shapes and sizes. "Last week", he chuckles, "I trained a 60-year-old guy - 60 not 16 - to snowboard right here on Mt. Hermon. He padded his body with cushions as a precaution!."

Levanon's colleague at the Mt. Hermon Skì School is Hollandborn Tony Seykens, 31, who is enjoying his second successful season as a snowboarding instructor in Israel.

"A major advantage snowboarding has over skiing," stresses Seykens, "is that when you wipe out on skis the risk of injury is greater than when you crash a snowboard. On a snowboard your legs are always together. On skis,

the tendency is to do the splits. One ski goes in one direction. The other goes somewhere else. The poles too. On a snowboard you never lose your board." Is it faster than skiing?

"It's a shorter board, so it's slower", says Seykens, "but as an experienced snowboarder, I can go as fast as skiers. I pass them on the mountain. If I stand on the snowboard so that it hardly touches the snow, that is, without edging, I can really go at a whip. Many overseas resorts initially banned snowboarding on the pretext that edging was ruining the slopes. That's pure nonsense. It's true that beginners sometimes cut across the slopes, but experienced snowboarders don't."

For his part, Seykens learned on an artificial slope, 4,000 square meters in area, in a ski-dome just outside his home town of Breda in northern Holland. According to Seykens, a group of investors are considering setting up a similar ski-dome to the one at Breda in Israel. The artificial snow is machine-made, always powdery and fresh, ideal for snowaboarding, and loads of fun.

The deeper and steeper, the better. It's a totally different fun sport. Snowboarders don't use ski poles. You're free as a bird," he said.

Asprilla, Newcastle rally to victory

LONDON (Reuter) - An inspired debut by Faustino Asprilla and a schoolboy error by goalkeeper Gary Walsh lifted Newcastle to a 2-1 win at Middlesbrough yesterday which preserved its nine-point

lead in the Premier League. The Colombian striker, whose £6.7 million transfer from Italian Parma was eventually completed on Thursday, came on in the 67th minute of a keenly fought North East derby and helped transform the fortunes of his new side which had been trailing to a 37th minute John Beresford own goal.

Asprilla created Newcastle's equalizer by surprising 'Boro defender Steve Vickers before crossing for Steve Watson to head home in the 74th minute.

Then four minutes later Middlesbrough keeper Walsh allowed a soft shot from Les Perdinand to bounce under his body for Newcastle's winner. It was Boro's seventh successive league defeat and Newcastle's first win at Middlesbrough since

Second-placed Manchester United beat reigning champions Blackburn 1-0 thanks to a 14th minute Lee Sharpe goal, but was unable to close the gap on the leaders.

But Aston Villa reduced its deficit on third-placed Liverpool, plays Queen's Park Rangers today, to one point after

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Bolton. Dwight Yorke scored both goals, taking his tally to six in the

last five matches

Arsenal moved above Nottingham Forest into seventh place after winning 1-0 at the City Ground thanks to a 60th minute goal from Dutchman Dennis

That was enough to end Forest's 20-match unbeaten home record and Forest's afternoon of misery was compounded by the sending off of substitute Jason Lee for two bookable offenses late in the game just 13 minutes after coming on.
Chelsea's nine-match unbeaten

run ended at Coventry where Noel Whelan maintained his blistering scoring record since his £2.0 million move from Leeds in

Whelan scored for the fourth successive match after 43 minutes when Kevin Richardson spotted him running into the area, from where he lifted a 10-meter shot over goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock.

It was his seventh goal in 11 games for the Sky Blues who moved out of the bottom three as a result of the victory.

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But Manchester City slipped into the relegation zone after losing 2-0 at Everton who won with goals from Joe Parkinson after 32 minutes and a 47th minute Andy Hinchcliffe penalty.

City manager Alan Ball, who along with Everton manager Joe Royle played in Eventon's 1970 championship-winning side, had a thoroughly miserable return to Goodison Park completed when City's newly signed German striker Michael Frontzeck was sent off five minutes from time for his secand bookable offense.

In the only other match played yestersay, Sheffield Wednesday needed an 85th minute goal from Julian Watts, his first of the season, to beat Wimbledon 2-1 at UNIVERSEASE. Hillsborough.

Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan admitted afterwards that his side had not had one of their

"We did not play well, and with 20 minutes to go I would gladly have settled for a draw," he said. "But I had nothing to lose by 🕊

throwing Asptilla on although he hasn't played for the last three months.

"He made all the difference to us and provided the spark for veryone else. If I was (Middlesbrough manager) Bryan Robson I would be very disappointed not to have got something out of the game because

Middlesbrough played very well." Newcastle, now on 60 points and nine clear of Manchester United with a game in hand, is 14 points ahead of third-placed Liverpool and with only 15 matches left to play would have to suffer a staggering loss of form to lose out on its first title since

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No-nonsense McCarthy follows Charlton into Irish job

DUBLIN (Reuter) - Ireland put the fate of its national soccer team in the hands of Mick McCarthy last Monday - and not just because they know all about lanky, miner's sons who speak with northern English accents. Like his predecessor Jack

Charlton, McCarthy was born and raised in northern England, but unlike Charlton who was an England international, McCarthy did play for Ireland, and also captained the country. Now his task is to at least emu-

late his mentor by taking Ireland into the World Cup finals of 1998. Charlton took the Irish to the World Cup for the first time in Italy in 1990.

McCarthy's appointment filled the vacuum left when Charlton, 60, resigned last December after nine years in the job following his team's narrow failure to qualify for the European Championships in England next summer.

The appointment was scarcely made official when soccer commentators labeled McCarthy, 37, "Son of Charlton" because of the shared mining background, toughtalking style of the two men and common broad vowels of the

McCarthy's father, Charles, hailed from Tallow, County Waterford, in the south-west of Ireland but he was forced to move to Yorkshire in search of work.

Since the day I pulled on the Irish jersey for the first time, I have dreamed of managing the international team," he said. "I want to lead Ireland on the international stage."

McCarthy has received the fullbacking of Charlton who said that he was "exactly what is needed for the job in hand." It is no surprise that Charlton should support McCarthy as the

pair are cut from the same cloth.

Both men are brash and self-confi-

dent off the field but were

renowned as no-nonsense center-

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Michael Jordan and

Charles Barkley were no-shows. Hakeem

Olajuwon arrived after it was over. Shaquille

Media Availability Day came with a subplot - call it Forget The Media Day - as NBA All-

There were plenty of rookies, slam dunkers,

3-point shooters and members of the All-Star

supporting cast willing to talk, but the biggest

Jordan and Barkley were off playing golf, either in Las Vegas or Phoenix - nobody could

say for sure. Olajuwon allegedly had airline

trouble and O'Neal had simply had enough.

After 15 minutes of questions and answers, he

turned to a reporter, asked what time it was,

O'Neal stuck around for about 15 minutes.

Star Weekend got under way Friday.

names found something better to do.



ilar background to that of his predecessor Jack Charlton.

NBA stars out golfing on media day

shrugged, got up and walked out.
O'Neal's presence for the hour-long inter-

view session may preclude a fine, but Jordan

"He has a lot of pressures that are maybe

unique, but the rules are the rules, and he'll get

fine L" deputy commissioner Russ Granik said

When Jordan skipped a media session in 1993, the fine was \$10.000. Granik did not say

Aside from the issue of the missing, much of

the talk concerned another player who wasn't

there, Dennis Rodman of the Chicago Bulls,

the leading rebounder and one of the best

After finishing third in voting by fans for

how large this year's levy would be.

defenders in the NBA.

and Barkley won't escape without penalty.

halves during their playing careers. McCarthy was a player with Barnsley, in Yorkshire, when he first met Charlton, "Jack was manager of Sheffield Wednesday and we shared the same local."

Charlton later made McCarthy international team captain much to the chagrin of a section of the Irish media who saw McCarthy as a limited and unattractive player. McCarthy caught Charlton's eye after he had signed for Manchester

City in December, 1983. Within six months, McCarthy was making the first of his 57 appearances for the Republic when he lined up at center-half

against Poland. McCarthy's dedication to the Irish cause was soon apparent - he

of Jordan.

chose to travel with the Irish squad to Japan in June 1984 instead of attending his brother's wedding as best man. "I was in the doghouse then," said McCarthy. McCarthy went on to play for

Celtic, with whom he won League and Cup winner's medals. and Olympique Lyon in France. "I went to France for the money. It set me up for life," he said.

Although, McCarthy receive a healthy wage as Ireland manager, it was not the money which prompted him to put his name forward as a candidate for the vacant job but national pride.

This dream will become a realiwhen he takes charges for a friendly against Russia at Landsdowne Road on March 27.

Lewis takes easy approach toward **Olympics**

ATLANTA (AP) - Carl Lewis doesn't feel any pressure going into his final Olympics.

"I can just relax, I know it will be the last time I will be competing in an Olympic Games at that level and I can just go back and run the best I can," he said.

Lewis was joined by fellow Olympic stars Gail Devers and Jackie Joyner-Kersee in modeling the new US athletics uniforms.

"I can have fun and that's what this season's been like," Lewis said. "This year is kind of light. I can take it easy in terms of intensity, but know that I know what to do to be ready for the trials."

Lewis has won eight Olympic gold medals. In the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Lewis dazzled the world by winning four gold medals in the 100, 200 meters, long jump and 400-meter relay. Four years later at Seoul, he won the long jump and 100. At Barcelona in 1992, he won the long jump and the 400 relay.

He has not run 100 meters in less than 10 seconds since 1991 and did not qualify for the 100 at the Barcelona Games. At last year's World Championships, he was forced to withdraw because of a strained hamstring.

In a rare indoor start last Saturday, Lewis finished last in the 60 during a meet at Houston, his hometown.

Lewis will now stay off the track competing until next month's USA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Atlanta. instead concentrating on training and an extensive weight program.

Then he will go outdoors, focusing on the Olympic trials, to be held from June 14 to 23 in Atlanta. He intends on competing in the 100, 200 and long jump.

Eastern Conference forwards, Rodman was

passed over by the coaches who pick the

reserves. Asked last week what he expected to do this weekend, Rodman replied "Viva Las

Vegas" and alleged a conspiracy to keep him

out of the spotlight in San Antonio, where he

This year's All-Stars are heavy on team-

mates. With Jordan and Pippen representing

the Bulls, O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway of

Orlando, Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp from

Seattle, Sean Elliott and David Robinson of

San Antonio, John Stockton and Karl Malone

from Utah and Clyde Drexler and Hakeem

Olajuwon from Houston, a full 50 percent of

the participants in today's game will have

someone familiar alongside them.

had two tumultuous seasons with the Spurs.

Barkley reaches 20,000-point mark as Suns down Nets

PHOENIX - Charles Barkley had 30 points and 18 rebounds to become the 22nd player in NBA history to score 20,000 points as the Phoenix Suns defeated the New Jersey Nets, 107-102, for their third straight victory on

Thursday. Barkley has 20,014 points and needs 10 more to tie Tom Chambers for 21st on the all-time list. He needs 33 more rebounds to become the 10th player in league history to record 20,000 points and 10,000 rebounds.

Rookie Michael Finley added 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Suns, who had all five starters in double figures.

Chris Childs had 22 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Nets. Mavericks 136, Jazz 133 (20T)

Jason Kidd had 25 assists, the most in the NBA this season, and Jim Jackson scored 38 points. It was the second-highest scoring game of the season. Dallas wa involved in the other one, too, 140-

130 over Phoenix on January 12. Utah, which could've moved percentage points ahead of San Antonio in the Midwest Division, lost for only the second time in nine games. It was the first overtime of the year for the

Karl Malone led Utah with 36 points and David Benoit tied his career-high with 24 points before fonling out in the fourth quarter. John Stockton had 28 points, 10 assists and one steal, leaving him seven shy of becoming the NBA's all-time steal leader. Jeff Hornacek scored 22 and

Adam Keefe had 13 rebound Dallas, playing in its NBA-high eighth overtime and forced into double OT for the second time this season, ended a three-game losing streak. George McCloud added 32 points after having a career-high 36 on

Nuggets 115, Clippers 95 Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 28 points to lead six Denver players in double figures as the Nuggets handed Los Angeles its eighth straight loss.

It was Denver's first win in four games against Los Angeles this year.

The Clippers, whose last win was against Denver on January 25, remain one victory away from matching last year's total of 17.

Dikembe Mutombo scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to move three away from 4,500. Don MacLean added 16 points, while Bryant Stith had 13, Jalen Rose 12 and Reggie Williams 10.

Loy Vaught scored 18 points to lead Los Angeles. Hawks 98, Bullets 92

Stacey Augmon scored 20 points and Steve Smith, redeeming himself for a poor shooting night, made a key defensive play in the final minute. Grant Long put the Hawks shead for good. 88-85, when he banked in a 3-pointer with 4:27 remaining, but the Bullets had a chance after Tim Legler

hit a 3-pointer with 1:08 to go to pull

ington to 94-92,



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Glen Rice warmed up for the defense of his 3-point shooting title with 33 points, leading Charlotte over Charlotte made its first five fieldgoal attempts, shot 69 percent in the

opening quarter and never trailed on the way to snapping a three-game los-Rice connected on his first five shots and wound up making 11 of 16, including a 2-for-3 performance from

3-point range.

Mitch Richmond had 29 points for the Kings, who wound up 1-3 on their four-game, six-day road trip. The loss was the third in a row and seventh in nine games for the Kings. (Reuter, AP) THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Charlotte 115, Sacramento 105 Atlanta 98, Washington 92 Denver 115, L.A. Clippers 95

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Mac. Tel Aviv increases lead at summit

MACCABI Tel Aviv increased its lead at the top of the standings with an exciting 3-2 win over neighbors Bnei Yehuda in the 18th round of the National League this weekend, while title hopefuls Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa could only manage draws from their respective visits to Maccabi Petah Tikva and Maccabi Herzliya

itzik Zohar was the Tel Aviv hero, but appears bound for Betar Jerusalem next season after agreeing transfer terms with Betar's management

Hapoel Haifa, the other contestant for the championship crown, ended the round with a victory but looked far from convincing against bottom-of-the-table Betar Tel Aviv.
The weekend's eight National

League fixtures produced the season's lowest gates, with just 20,000 spectators passing through the turnstiles. In addition the total goal tally of 15 this round is withe lowest recorded during the current campaign.

In the Second Division, former leader Hapoel Jerusalem was unseated as it faltered against fellow title contestant Hakoach Ramat Gan. Hapoel Taiba took over pole position with an expected win over Kfar Shalem.

Buci Yehuda 2, Mac. Tel Aviv 3 The action that mattered occurred in the first half with the bosts getting off to a flying start in this stirring derby contest against the current title-

Nir Sevila put Baei Yehuda ahead with the help of Alon Mizzahi in the 11th minute following a rare lapse of judgment by Alexander Obarov, only for Moshe Amsalem to deflect a Haim Hajaj effort into his own goal

Nir Klinger then swept Maccabi into the lead with his 400th National League goal in the 26th minute. Mizrahi provided the perfect ri-

poste for the Haitkva Quarter fans on the half hour, but the league leaders took the points through an Itzik Zo-har header that exploited the inexpe-rience of Buei Yehuda keeper Guy Nachshon, while a pained Bonny Ginsburg observed from the substi-

Mac. Herzliya 1, Mac. Haifa 1 The Hearliyans almost pulled off the shock result of the round when import Oleg Naduda struck a superb

DEREK FATTAL

tained period of domination by Hai-fa's midfield machine. - Mitacle man Haim Revivo finally came to the rescue, finding the back of the net eight minutes from time to equalize, but Haifa coach Giora Spiegel could live to regret this as the

mpionship race heats up. Mac. PT 0, Bet. Jerusalem 0 After a recent run of good fortune that has convinced many punters the league silverware is bound to end up in Betar's trophy room, the pride of the capital met their match yes evening against a determined Mac-

cabi side.
The Petah Tikvans were unfortunate not to be awarded a goal when an early free kick from Yossi Shoshani looked to have crossed the line after rebounding down from the

In the 7th minute referee Amit Klein determined Yitzhak Kornfein had brought down Murad Abu-Kasaved Nejwan Grayeb's penalty kick.

Midway through the first half Betar
looked their most dangerous as Golan

Malul was forced to produce two acrobatic saves in close succession from Despite a clutch of chances falling

to both front lines in the second period Betar's first goalless draw of the season was a just result. Hap. Haifa 2, Bet. Tel Aviv 1

The Betaris put up a good fight, replying within five minutes after Reuven Atar put the home side ahead in the 55th minute. Nevertheless, Haifa supremo Av-

raham Grant pulled a masterstroke with the introduction of substitute. Danny Niron in the 79th minute. Within less than 60 seconds of step ping on to the turf, Niron slipped in the winning goal to put the Haifaites back in touch with the other title

Rishon 0, Hap. Tel Aviv 1 Polish import Kascimicz Moskal called another three points for the Tel Avivans by scoring the winning goal for a second week in succession.

The result marks Hapoel's third consecutive win since the campaign resumed after the winter break, and should serve to stifle some of the recent criticism leveled against coach Hap, Kfar Sava 2, Hap, Belt She'an 1

Substitutes played a starring role, with Beit She an's Vasily Melnikov wiping out Kfar Sava's first half lead in the 59th minute, only for Moni Yeverbaum to prove the value of his introduction by netting the decisive goal late seven minutes before the final whistle.

back into the relegation zone. Without money to buy its way out of trouble an instant return to the Second

Division looks likely. Han. Beersheba 0, Zafririm Holon 1 Holon coach Elisha Levy provided his new employers with a valuable victory in his first match in the hot

Meanwhile Levy's opposite num-ber Vasily Savchenko looks a certain bet to be the season's next managerial casualty with the southerners conced-ing four defeats and registering two draws in their last six league matches.

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Doubles victory gives Israel Davis Cup lead over Norway

ORI LEWIS and HEATHER CHAIT

ISRAEL holds a marginal advantage going into the final day of its Davis Cup Euro/African Zone Group 1 tie against Norway

The hosts gained a 2-1 lead after yesterday's tense five-set doubles encounter. On Friday, Israel's No. 2, Noam Behr, lost to Norway's top racket, Christian Ruud, and Eyal Ran overcame Norway's second singles racket. Helge Koll, with both opening singles being completed in straight sets.

Israel cantain Shlomo Glickstein made a surprise choice in naming Eyal Erlich to partner Ran in yesterday's doubles, a decision which at the start of play looked to be completely misguided.

Erlich could do nothing right in the first two-and-a-half sets as Rund and Koll appeared to be cruising towards a straight-set win and a crucial lead in the tie.

But suddenly, things took a turn for the better. Erlich's game improved and both Eyals managed to pull level at two sets all. The final set turned out to be a thriller, keeping all 400 spectators who braved the blustery weather pinned to their seats, praying that the rain, which threatened to come pouring down all afternoon, would abate just long enough for the match to reach its conclusion.

Erlich, whose strong serve and volley game had been counted on for power against the Norwegians was nowhere to be seen, as he failed time and again to hit a single winning volley and often miscued on his overheads. Ran had to keep the ship affoat and only just managed to carry his partner. But once he found a semblance of form, Erlich made the Norwegians' task all the more difficult

Ruud, on the other hand, looked less than impressive. while Koll was the most consistent of the four players through-

and several quick exchanges at

the net boosted the Israelis'

Glickstein described the Norwegian pair as a "simple team with good returns, but without a great serve and volley game. They struggled with the wind and with the unfamiliar surface.

"There was no time during the game when I thought we couldn't

Glickstein was not impressed with Behr's singles match on Friday, saying: "He didn't look like a fighter but it was his first Davis Cup encounter and the pressure was tremendous. It was a good learning experience for him." Glickstein had more kudos for Ran's play, "He has proved he

either Croatia or Ukraine, the losers of which will be relegated to Euro/African Group 2. out the thatch, often putting away

MAINSTAYS - Israel's Eyal Ran (Left) and Norway's Christian Rund kept their respective teams

Davis Cup hopes alive with important singles wins on Friday. Ran came out on top in yesterday's

doubles as he and partner Eyal Erlich downed Rund and Helge Koll in five sets. (Sarit Uziely)

has shown leadership qualities." Ran was excited about the

"Today was a day of survival and I'm very satisfied with our performance. As Israel's No. 1, I felt huge responsibility on me but there was great support from the . whole team and we were veryunited.

can lead this team and in the ab-

sence of Amos [Mansdorf] and

Gilad [Bloom] for the first time,

he stepped into their shoes and

"At 0-2 down and 4-5, Eyal told me we had to believe we could win.

Does Ran believe he can beat Rund today? "Rund will be as tired as I am and if I have a good day, I can beat him," concluded.

Today's play begins at noon, with Ran taking on Ruud in a bid to clinch a winning 3-1 lead. If he fails. Behr will attempt to win the tie for Israel in the final rubber against Koll.

If Israel wins, it will host Spain in the playoff for a spot in the World Group in April. A loss would mean an away tie against

a winner at the net and serving well throughout the match.

Fortunately, all the weather forecasters were wrong - for Ramat Hasharon at least - and the Israelis managed to seal victory after three hours and 35 minutes, winning 3-6, 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-3, 6-

Noam Behr opened the tie on a positive note on Friday, taking a 5-3 lead in the first set against Rund, but at that point, the occasion got to him and he collapsed, losing 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2 in two hours, 22 minutes.

The difference in standard between the two players was not apparent at first - Rund is No. 80 in the world rankings, Behr is 296 - but the Davis Cup, the great leveler of men's tennis did not favor the underdog this time, as Behr looked totally outclassed.

The shoe was on the other foot in the second rubber, as Ran came out with all guns blazing

6-1, 6-2 in quick time and only in the third did Koll manage to find some of his form, attacking the net and forcing Ran to play winning shots. Ran was a little . pressed but eventually managed to finish off the third set 6-4 and complete the match in one hour. 54 minutes.

He rattled off the first two sets

After the match, captain Shlomo Glickstein was clearly satisfied-with the result.

"It was very difficult to come back from two sets down and at good. The victory will give the, team confidence for tomorrow, (today). The odds are in our favor now."

Comparing the performance of the two players, Glickstein said, Ran played consistently throughout the game and Erlich improved during the game and at . the end even managed to pull. Ran's game up.

Towards the end, Erlich wasthe best net player of the four on court," he said.

more records for Israeli swim team

THE ISRAELI swimming success story continued yesterday with the team shattering five national records and picking up two medals in the World Cup tournament in Germany.

Your Bruck, adding to his personal tally of six medals in this series of short-course pool events, set a new record of 48.52 seconds in the 100 meters freestyle, breaking his own record of 48.62 set last week in Italy. For his efforts, he earned the bronze medal_

Dan Kutler also received the bronze medal in the 50m butter-

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fly, ending in a time of 24.40 seconds.

Seventeen-year-old Mickey Halika scored the record of the day, slicing more than four minutes off his own record in the 400m, individual medley with a time of 4:15.46 minutes. He ended in fourth place.

His previous record was 4-19.69 minutes.

Eytan Orbach, swimming in the 100m backstroke did not stop at setting one new record but

In the preliminary round he swam to a time of 55.23 seconds, improving his own earlier record of 56.17 while later in the day he managed 54.79, another Israeli record which left him in fifth

> Yoav Meiri completed the Israeli five-pronged success with a time of 2:00.31 minutes in the 200m. butterfly preliminary round, ending in seventh place. His own previous record was 2:01.21.

The tournament ends today with the swimmers returning

continued to surprise in the final. home tomorrow. Crucial World Cup meeting ends in deadlock

CALCUITA (AP) - A crucial meeting to convince Australia and the West Indies to play in violencetom Sri Lanka ended in a deadlock yesterday with officials from 12 cricket playing nations failing to come to an agreement after five hours of

"Everything is in a state of flux," said Arif Abbasi of Pakistan, one of the officials who attended the

Other cricket officials said that Australia was sticking to its stand of not traveling to Sri Lanka for

A terrorist bomb attack killed 83 people and wounded 1,400 others in capital Colombo on January 31.

One official said the West Indies, which had backed the Australian position, was softening its

"It is a deadlock, so we decided to give more time and then discuss the issue again tomorrow," said another cricket official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Germans romp to tennis victory over Swiss LONDON (AP) - Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich sets victory over Switzerland's Dewulf and Dick Norman 6-3, 6-Olympic champion, Marc Rosset,

teamed up with Davis Cup rookie David Prinosil to beat Jakob Hlasek and Alexandre Strambini 6-2. 7-5, 6-2 yesterday and give Germany a crushing victory over Switzerland.

It was Prinosil's second victory in two days after his five-set triumph over Hlasek in Friday's singles. Countryman Hendrik Dreekman also scored a straight as the Germans powered into the quarter-finals even without injured Boris Becker

The Swedes also made it comfortably into the last eight by overwhelming Belgium in Katrineholm.

Jonas Bjorkman, the 1994 ATP Tour world doubles champion with Jan Apell, teamed with Nicklas Kulti to defeat Filip

1. 6-4 in a match that lasted less than two hours. A noisy crowd in Jaipur failed to affect Dutch players Paul

Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh, the world's No. 2 doubles partnership, who downed Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. That gave the Dutch a 2-1 lead

after Bhupathi had finished off his rain-affected singles match against Jan Siemerink 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 4-6, 6-4. France gained a winning 3-0

lead when Guy Forget and Guillaume Raoux overcame a first set loss to down Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen and Frederik Fetterlein

Reid heads to Knicks

And the Czech Republic clinched a place in the last eight when Daniel Vacek and Cyril Suk battled through three tiebreaks and came from two sets down to defeat Hungary's Sandor

Noszaly and Gabor Koves 6-7 (2-

7), 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (9-7), 6-4, 6-4.

Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi and Diego Nargiso came back from two sets to one and 4-2 down to. score an upset victory over Russia's Andrei Olhovskiy and Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

The Italians, who lead 2-1 going into today's final singles matches, triumphed 6-4, 2-6, 5-7,

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at his home. He was 70.

team officials said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

J.R. Reid was traded by the San Antonio Spurs to the New

Owners approve Browns' move

Phillies Del Ennis dies at 70

York Knicks Thursday along with Brad Lohaus and a No. 1

National Football League owners on Friday overwhelmingly

approved the move of the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore for

the 1996 season following Thursday's agreement to preserve

the Browns' name and colors for a future team in the city of

Del Ennis, a Whiz Kid on the Philadelphia Phillies' 1950

National League champions and a two-time All-Star, has died

Ennis died Thursday from complications from diabetes,

draft pick in exchange for Charles Smith and Monty Williams.

NHL - Friday's results: Hartford 3, Colorado 2 (OT); Vancouver 3, Edmouton 2 (OT). Thursday's results: N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 2; Buffalo 2, Philadelphia 1; Florida 3, Detroit 1; Chicago 6, St. Louis 1; Whinipeg 6, Ottawa 2; Washington 4, Calgary 4; Los Angeles 4, Toronto 3.

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Stocks soar, close mixed

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended a whirlwind session narrowly mixed Friday, but did rise to record territory for the fifth consecutive session.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 2 points to set a new high. It rallied as much as 35 points by late morning, slid to 24 with midday sell programs but regained its footing in the afternoon.

Advancing issues led decliners by 1,220 to 1,122 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was heavy at well above 400 million shares, up from Thursday's pace. The broad market finished narrowly mixed.

Cyclical stocks outperformed the rest of the market for most of the day, in a reversal of Thursday's dominant strategy, as investors decided those issues would benefit the most from further 1,094.59.

credit easings by the government. Consumer stocks, which had performed well Thursday as investors sought recession-proof

names, sank Friday. Losers among the Dow industrials included consumer names Disney, McDonalds and Coca-Cola. Traders and analysts said the

current strength in the stock market is partially the result of record investments of cash into stock mutual funds.

According to preliminary cal-culations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.17 to 5,541.62. Advancing issues led decliners by 1,220 to 1,122 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 760 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 476.63 million shares at the close vs. 469.65 million Thursday. The Nasdaq composite rose 1.42 to

group, said net cash flows to stock mutual funds hit an estimat-

ed \$24.5 billion in January, up

from \$17 b.the previous month

Stocks zoom upward WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors stitute, a mutual fund trade are force-feeding stock mutual funds with cash, blowing the top off of stock prices and making it harder than ever for portfolio managers to find bargains.

"It's harder and harder to like new names at these levels," said John Cleland, chief investment strategist at Security Benefit Group of Companies, based in Topeka. "But I tell my people, 'Make yourself buy,' because I don't see any signs that these money flows are going to let up."

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and topping the previous record of \$18.4 b.in January 1994. The stock market has ridden that tidal wave. The Dow Jones industrials set record highs all

five days this past week, slicing through 5,500 Thursday and ending the week at a record 5,541.62. The Dow average rose 167.63 for the week. The Dow is up more than 8% so far this year. The climb is making Gail Dudack dizzy. A few weeks ago, the market strategist at UBS Securities cut the equity portion of her

balanced portfolio to 55% from 65%, adding half the proceeds to bonds, now at 30%, and half to cash, now at 15%. "I wanted to have a bit of cash on hand," Dudack said, should the next downturn present some buying opportunities. The problem is, the market shows very little sign of pulling back.

Just because people are buying stocks doesn't mean they're a good investment. But analysts say it is tough to argue with a tape that just keeps going higher.

FTSE up 7.9

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

ties finished an up-and-down session moderately higher; the FISE is expected to remain in a consolidation phase, and the top 100 index may test the 3,600 support level in coming days, as institutional investors shy away from UK assets. The FTSE 100 index closed 7.9 higher at 3,716.3,

down 65 from last Friday. FRANKFURT - German shares fall three-quarters of a percentage point at end of bourse trading, tracking sharp decline in the German debt markets. The

LONDON (Reuter) - UK equi- 30-share DAX index closed down 18.27 at 2,411.93 a drop of 40.13 on the week. In post-bourse trade the DAX index stood at 2,435.07.

PARIS - French shares finished higher after a recovery in the US bond market. The CAC-40 index closed up 4.49 to 1,960.65, a fall of 61.56 for the

TOKYO - The Nikkei slipped below the 21,000 points level on Friday, ending 183.48 lower at 20,934.82, as the market consolidated recent gains. The Nikkei gained 30.79 since last Friday.

Dollar pushes up slightly **CURRENCY REPORT**

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar ended barely higher against leading currencies Friday after a day of choppy trading that focused more on other currencies than

the outlook for the greenback.

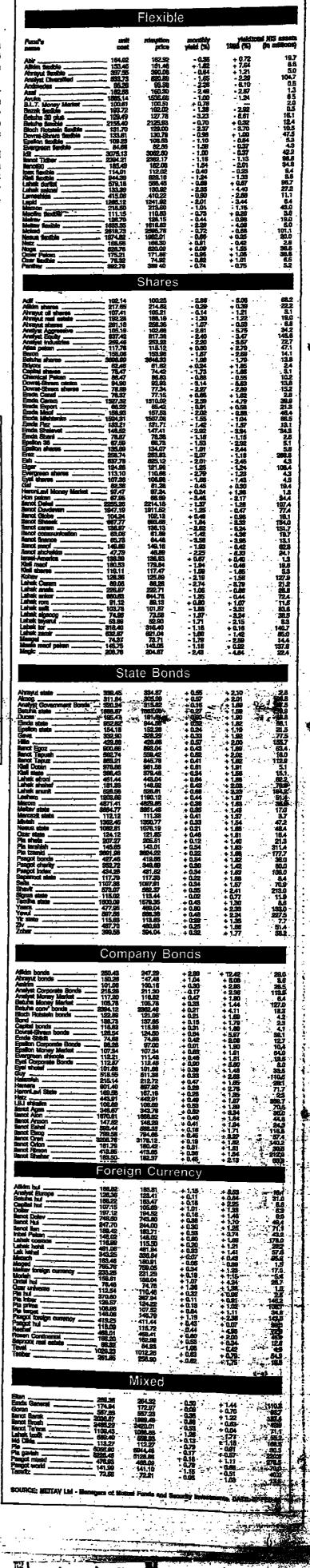
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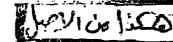
compared with 106.95 the day before and about half a yen higher than a week earlier. The British pound fell to \$1.5305 from \$1.5378 on Thurs-

In London, the price of gold closed at \$405.25 per ounce, down from \$408.05. Silver closed in London at \$5.67 a troy ounce,

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ENGLISH LECTURE

HELEN KAYE

ALEX Auswaks was nicknamed Fan of Fans when he was coeditor of Red Herrings, the official bulletin of the UK Crime Writers Association. He's going to share his love for the genre in his lecture, The Genteel Art of Murder (the British Cosy)." At Jerusaiem's British Council tonight at 8.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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MICHAEL Stern leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in the love scene from Berlioz's Romeo et Juliette and in Schumann's Third Symphony while Krzysztof Yablonski joins to perform Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto today, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium and Thursday at Beit Gabriel, 8:30 p.m.

At 7 tonight is your final chance to hear Dvorak's Biblical Songs performed conducting the Israel tonight.
Philharmonic Orchestra at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium.



by mezzo-soprano Dagmar Michael (second from right) is the most appealing character in Peckova, with Horst Stein the miniseries 'Tales of the City,' which comes to a conclusion

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THE final episode of Tales of the City - the retrospective portrait of a libertine but seemingly joyless 1970s San Francisco - is upon us. So too, presumably, is the answer to the question: So what is Anna Madrigal's big secret, anyway?

That answer may be of less interest than the fate of the only character who exudes an unforced, if troubled, humanity. The two poignant moments in last week's episodes both involved Michael, a young gay man for whom friendship seems more important than sex.

Taking leave of his supportive but hopelessly

unaware parents after their short visit, Michael opens up his arms to hug his father, then quickly draws them back in when he's met with a manly handshake. "Just keep those fruits away from you," says his father in a hearty, traveling-salesman tone.

Later, after sharing a joint with his straight downstairs neighbor Brian, Michael and he go cruising a bar - each looking for his own turn-on. There are some cringe-making encounters. "I work with Francis," says a woman wearing a Tshirt bearing the legend "bitch." "The talking mule?" asks Brian. "Ford Coppola!" she responds, huffily. Realizing they're having more fun talking to each other, Michael and Brian forgo the pick-up scene for a cup of coffee.

The rest of the characters can be swallowed up in an earthquake, but let's hope Michael finds self-esteem and the perfect husband. Tune in tonight at 10:35 on the Family Channel.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Calling for a military

take-over (10) 6 Foremost character on the staff (4)

9 Thespisa troupe I confined to base and punished (10) 10 Never again! (4)

12 Be inclined to get a

conservatory (4-2) 13 To put a fellow in the tub is

a bit of a cheek (4,4) 15 Channel breakwater

broken by pilots (5,7)

18 Querulous assertion that

Diana's at peace (12)

21 One young devil initially getting away with it (8)

22 "For many are called, but few are —— "(St Matthew)

24 Some returned by carriage

25 Painstakingly made, though in a crude manner (10) 26 in Florida tea consists of

fruit (4) 27 Declars that a fool never fasted (10)

DOWN

1 Service boss joins sect of arcane nature (6)

2 Price a pound of rib (6) 3 Draw attention to particular race-meeting (5-2-5)

4 Rush to have a meal on the

5 He does everything to break up Ben and Mona (3-3,4)

7 42" peg holding the wheel in place (8)

8 At liberty to take wine there off duty? (4,4)

11 Carthusian monastery

given licence by the Commons (12) 14 Highly amused this month

by ticklish sensations (2,8) 16 Acknowledged that access was allowed (8) 17 Has ordered factory-made

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Mediterranean island (6) 20 Zairean leader in Yemen

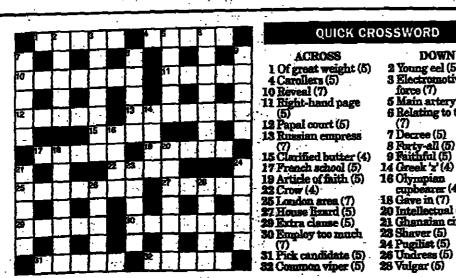
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SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Soup, 3 Official, 9 Ahead, 19 Retrain, 11 Tie, 13 Avalanche, 14 Resson, 18 Reuben, 18 Propagate, 20 Ews, 23 Oration, 23 Irate, 25 Sternity, 26 Debt. DOWN: 1 Start, 2 Use, 4 Formal, 5 Inflame, 6 Irascible, 7 Lantern, 8 Idea, 12 Elaborate, 14 Reprove, 15 on, 17 Garnet, 19 Evil, 21



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Of great weight (5) 4 Carollers (5) 10 Reveal (7) 11 Right-hand page

12 Papal court (5) 13 Russian empress (7) 15 Clarified butter (4) 17 French school (5) 19 Article of faith (5)

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3 Electromotive force (7) 5 Main artery (5) 6 Relating to touch 7 Decree (5) 8 Forty-all (5) 9 Faithful (5) 14 Greek '2' (4) 16 Olympian cupbearer (4) 18 Gave in (7) 20 Intellectual (7) 21 Ghanaian city (5) 23 Shaver (5)

DOWN 2 Young eel (5)

WHAT'S ON

TELEVISION

TI CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

n EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Jerusalem 8:30 Society 8:55 Reading Comprehension 9:10 Neture 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 History 10:55 Science 11:10 English 11:20 Arithmetic 11:45 Judalsm 12:05 Life Sciences 12:15 Math 12:25 French 12:40 Society 13:05 Flora and Fauna in Australia 13:30 Stories From Life 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:25 Cartoons 15:00 Pretty Butterfly

n CHANNEL 1

15:30 Garfield 15:55 Boot Street Sand - BBC school comedy 16:20 Screen Wonders 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Zap to Click - computer program 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio

19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabet News 20:45 Second Look – investigative program 21:30 Personal Story – Yair Lapid interviews 22:00The Cameri Quintet 22:30 World Soccer 23:30 News 00:00 Stories of the Good Land

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13:00 Laser Patrol - cartoon 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 The Flintstones 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine, with Rafi Reshel 17:30 Altogether Now - comedy series 18:00 Senora 19:00 Central Park West 20:00 News 20:30 Entertainment First -Dudu Topaz hosts 22:00 Gabi Gazit - current affairs and entertainment 23:20 75-85 - short documentaries and archival news reports from the last two decades on events which later became major political issues 00:00 News 00:05 A Small Place 00:35 Moonlight - Israeli music 01:30 Moonlighting - starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis 02:30 Poem of the Day

n JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones 14:25 Disney's Aladdin 15:00 Family Playhouse 15:25 Pugwali's Summer 15:50 Islamic History in Jordan

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n MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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n SECOND SHOWING (6)

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n DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture 12:00 Court TV - Presumed Guilty (rpt) 13:00 Nature in Australia 14:00 Open University 16:00 Court TV (rpt) 17:00 Nature in Australia 18:15 Open University 20:00 Eagle Nest 21:00 Man and Nature 22:00 Beyond 2000 22:45 Eagle Nest 23:45 Open University

n ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News flash in Arabic 16:15 Open Studio 16:45 Arabic debate 17:15 Migrating Birds 18:00 Weekly Column – in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic19:30 Vitrina - weekly fashion magazine 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 kessef 21:15 NBA Games 22:30 (approx.) Heroic Cops 00:00

n ETV 2 (23)

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n STAR PLUS

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n CHANNEL 5

6:30 - 8:00 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:45 National league soc-cer 17:45 Live English League soccer 21:00 Bowling 22:00 All Stars preview 23:45 Brazilian league soc-cer 00:00 Basketball 01:00 Live Broadcast NBA All Stars from San Antonio, Texas

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9:30 Alpine skiing: World Cup (rpt) 10:30 Ski-jumping 11:30 Live blaitilon 13:00 World championship ski-jump-ing 15:15 Athletics: French championship in closed stadium 19:00 Judo -International Tournament from France 21:00 Snooker - World championship in Trickshots 23:00 Athletics: French championship 00:00 Golf 01:00 Ski jumping (rpt)

n BBC WORLD

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RADIO

n VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Telemann: Trio in E minor for flute, oboe and basso continuo; Handel; Cantata for solo voice and instrumen-Caniata for solo voice and instrumental ensemble; Mozart: Divertimento in D K334; Mendelssohn: Violin concerto in E minor; Zemlensky: Trio for violin, cello and piano op 3 [orig for cellipand piano] (Clementi Trio); Debussy: Images for orch 12:00 Light Classical – Israeli artists perform. Vivadi: Violin control in G. micro Micro ICO. concerto in G minor (Mintz/ICO); J.C. Bach: Symphony in D for double orch op 18/3; Schumann: Piano concerto in A minor 13:00 Artist of the Week pianist Maria Joao Pires. Bach: English Suite no 3 in G minor BWV 808; Beethoven: Sonata no 8 in C minor op 13 "Pathetique" 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Record Shelf 16:00 Music for Sunday - Bach: Cantata no 22; William Mundy: Kyrie; Johann Hasse: Miserere in E minor, M. Haydn: Mass in D minor, Poulence Mass in G 18:00 New CDs - (1) cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Victor Herbert: Cello concerto no 2 in E minor, Dvorak: Cello concerto in B minor (with NYPO/Masur). (2) Sir Georg Solti conducts - Bartok: Concerto for orch (World Symphony Orch for Peace, marking 50th anniversary of UN) 20:05 From Our Concert Halls - (1) Haifa Symphony Orch. cond. Stanley Sperber, soloists, Hertfordshire Choir. Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music; Pinhas Scheinfeld: Nigunei Klezmer, M. Haydn: Requiem in C minor: (2) Haifa Symphony Orch. cond. Krzysztof Penderecki. Dvorak: Symphony no 8; (3) Penderecki: Quartet for clarinet and strings (1993;) Britten: Suite no 1 for cello ostropovich) 23

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Journalists to meet on indictments of 'Yediot' editors

RAINE MARCUS

THE National Federation of Israel Journalists will convene this Wednesday to discuss the proposed indictment of Yediot Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi and former news editor Ruth Ben-Ari on wiretapping charges, federation chairperson Sara Friedman said

"In the past we have made our

Israel will join UNESCO

network

Jerusalem Post Staff ISRAEL is to take part in a

UNESCO-sponsored international computer communications

network, which will aid in ad-

vancing technological and scien-

tific education around the world, Education Ministry spokesman

Yehoshua Amishav announced

The decision to establish the

network was made at the Interna-

tional Conference for Scientific

and Technological Education

(JISTEC '96), held in Jerusalem

under the auspices of the ministry

Conference participants in-

cluded education, science and

technology officials from 84

countries, as well as 28 education

ministers who met, for the first

time, for an "educational summit

conference." The communica-

tions network will enable the

transfer of information about the

development of technological

education among countries,

thereby encouraging its develop-

It was also decided that the

countries will cooperate with

each other in order to cope with

the lack of professional teachers

of technology which exists in

A special call was made to all

educational systems in the world

to achieve a balance between the

sexes in scientific and technologi-

cal studies, and to provide equal

opportunities for both sexes in

Nahariya twice-blessed

by arrival of triplets

TWO pairs of triplets were born

Friday night night in the Nahar-

iya Government Hospital. The

condition of both mothers and all

boys, ranging in weight from 1.6

kg. to 1.8 kg. - was said to be

good, though the babies will have

to remain in the neonatal unit for

One mother was delivered by

Cesarean section in her 34th

week of pregnancy, after her

blood pressure rose to a danger-

ous level. The other mother gave

birth naturally in her 32nd week.

Both women had undergone

a few weeks.

fertility treatments.

technological companies.

ment in each country.

many countries.

last week.

and UNESCO.

case clear: that any journalist [or editor] charged with wiretapping or any other criminal offenses

must suspend himself," she said. "As such we expect Vardi to suspend himself when he is indicted," Friedman said.

vet been indicted. But the Justice Ministry said

Vardi and Ben-Ari have not

the indictments - for allegedly tapping the phones of former Yediot editor-in-chief Dov Yudkovsky, Yediot graphic artist Orit Lipshitz and listening to an illegally recorded conversation between Yediot publisher Arnon Mozes and Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi - would be filed early this week.

In the past, the Editors Committee also issued a similar statement that in case of indictment, editors must resign.

Vardi resigned from the Editors' Committee several months

On Friday, following the Justice Ministry's announcement, all dailies published front-page stories on the impending indictment. Ma'ariv published a full-page

spread on the background leading to the indictments. Yediot and Ha'aretz sufficed by

publishing short front-page sto-

Regarding the imbalance of coverage between the different dailies, Friedman reiterated her recommendations following the indictment of Nimrodi that those newspapers "involved" in the media wiretapping case should rely on the Itim news service to cover the case.

Consortium confirms Saddam has design for nuclear centrifuge

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

CONFIRMATION that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has acquired the designs for a highly sophisticated European uraniumenrichment centrifuge has sparked a major security overhaul at the German-British-Dutch consortium Urenco.

Concern that Saddam had acquired the designs were raised after last year's defection to Jordan of Hussein Kamel, Saddam's sonin-law and the former head of Irag's non-conventional weapons

project Since then, the reports were confirmed by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, who uncovered the designs for Urenco's TC-11 centrifuge in Iraq.

It is believed that the plans for the centrifuge, which produces nuclear weapons-grade material, were sold to Iraq by a former employer of the German firm Man, which had worked on the project with Uranit, a part-owner of Urenco.

The technician has been convicted of violating German export laws by supplying Iraq with components for the centrifuge that he had produced himself.

The German authorities were reportedly planning to charge him with treason when he left Europe. Sources in London said he spent some time in Brazil before traveling to an unspecified

Iraq, where he is now hiding.

The centrifuges, which are manufactured from carbon fiber to meet exacting engineering standards, produce highly enriched uranium from uranium

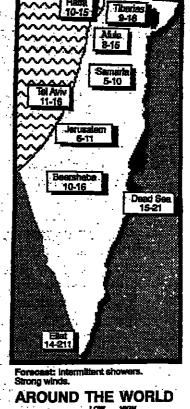
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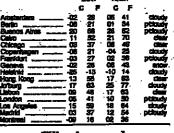
hexaflouride. Possession of the designs will enable Iraq to accelerate the production of its own sophisticated centrifuges.

Urenco is no stranger to scandal. In the Seventies, Pakistan illicitly obtained the designs for an earlier Urenco centrifuge. This has formed the basis of an enrichment plant which allowed Pakistan to rapidly assemble six nuclear weapons.

Also in Iraq, television transmission was briefly interrupted on day last month when Saddam's son, Uday, stormed into the main television station "extremely drunk" and demanded access to the network to make a nationwide address, according to a report in the Jordanian newspaper Al-Urdan

TV staffers hastily contacted a former information minister, who raced to the station to persuade Uday not to persist. After Uday beat him up, the station consuited Saddam himself. He ordered Uday's message transmitted and told the station to then carry on with its usual schedule.





Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

Public warned: Keep low profile in Jordan

APPARENTLY fearing terrorist attacks, the government is warning the public to be especially careful when visiting neighboring Jordan, suggesting they stick to main roads, avoid routines and keep a low profile.

Do not emphasize the fact that you are Israeli," warns an instruction sheet which the govout at border crossings to Jordan.

The instruction sheet, containing more than 30 different instructions, was drawn up by Yigal Pressler, the prime minister's advisor on terrorism.

It advises Israelis not to visit tourist sites after dark, to fill out hotel reception forms on-the-spot so as not to leave passports with the Jordanian clerk and not to

accept mail or packages. The document also recommends they not fall into routines when staying in one place for several days, apparently to confuse potential attackers.

More than 100,000 Israelis have visited Jordan as tourists since peace was established, according to the Tourism Ministry. Some 70,000 Jordanians have come to Israel, but many were Palestinians visiting family in the West Bank.

Amos Mansdorf (I) receives an award from Yuval Rabin on Friday at the Israel Tennis Center in

Ramat Hasharon in recognition of his services to Israel's Davis Cup team, while Israel Tennis

Association chairman David Harnik looks on. Mansdorf and Gilad Bloom (not pictured) retired from

the Davis Cup team during the past year and were honored for their contribution to Israeli tennis over

the past 10 years. The Israel-Norway tie taking place at the center is being held in memory of

assassinated prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was an avid tennis player. Story, Page 9.(Sarit Uziely)

The body of a young man found last Sunday in the Wadi Salib neighborhood of Haifa, behind the building housing the city's education department, was identified Friday as Amram Revivo, 22, from Tirat Carmel. He had apparently been murdered.

Body identified

Two days after the body was found, the man's family reported him missing. He had left his home on February 3 and had not been seen

Police are investigating whether there was a sexual motive for the attack.

Ashdod woman escapes husband

A 23-year-old Ashdod woman managed to escape her husband's beating and attempt to drown her in the bathtub early Friday morning by climbing from her porch to a neighbor's window, and getting the neighbor to call

"My husband is trying to kill me, call the police before he comes here and murders me!" she yelled at the startled neighbor as she woke

Police arrived and found the husband standing outside his apartment. He sold police that he had tried to shove his wife's head under water in the bathtub, but only to scare her. because he suspected she was cheating on

Navy calls off search

The navy called off its search last night for a ship that may have been in distress off the Tel Aviv coast.

The search began on Friday after people reported they had seen flairs from the beach. Police are checking if all of the boats that went out on Friday returned and if any of them sent

NEWS IN BRIEF Boats torched in Jaffa

Three boats were torched in Jaffa port early Friday in an apparent arson, police said. The vessels, which were in a workshop for repairs, were entirely destroyed.

Party for rapist canceled

After heavy pressure from the director-general of the Association of Community Centers, the community center in Kirvat Tivon agreed on Friday to cancel the "farewell party" a young rapist had planned to throw for his friends there before starting his one-year jail term.

The youth was one of seven convicted in December of a gang rape in the town two years

"The idea of someone convicted of rape organizing such a party shows...a lack of sensitivity and good taste on the part of whoever allowed him to hold the party," said the director-general, Dr. Dov Goldberger. Goldberger said that at the next meeting of the association executive, he would make it clear he does not want such an incident to be

Stabbing trial postponed Yisrael Ohana, 23, from Beersheba, was

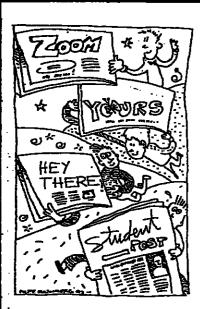
charged with attacking his girlfriend and stabbing a guard at her army base in Beersheba Magistrate's Court on Friday.

Adam Or, of the District Attorney's Office, said Ohana entered the Vered army base via the main gate, waving a knife. He slapped his girlfriend and returned to the gate, stabbing the

The complainant and Or requested Ohana be remanded until trial. Ohana requested that the trial be postponed so lawyer Esther Bar-Zion could represent him. Both requests were

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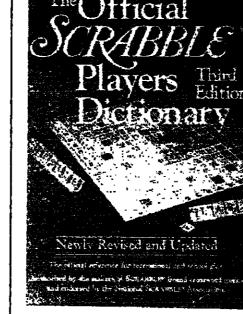
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Amital: Ban on Brooklyn Rabbi Hecht 'stupid **MARILYN HENRY**

(Text: Helen Kaye; Photo: Flash 90)

Rabbi Abraham Hecht from en-**NEW YORK** tering Israel is "stupid," minister without portfolio Yehuda Amital raeli officials for defamation, appeared to imply last June that it "I believe it's stupid," Amital would be acceptable to kill the

Hebrew University's Prof. Shimon Sandbank, 62, has been

awarded the 1996 Israel Prize for Literary Translation, the first

time a prize has been awarded in such a category. Science and

Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni said, 'It is important to thank

those who render the beauties of world literature into Hebrew.'

Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales,' Shakespeare's sonnets, and 'The

Castle,' by Franz Kafka, are among the works he has

translated.

THE move barring Brooklyn

said Friday in New York.

said at a news conference, adding prime minister. that the ban turns him into a Although many shunned Hecht and his long-time Syrian Jewish Hecht, who is planning a multicongregation is retiring him, the million-dollar r lawsuit against rabbi appears to be gaining public the government and several Is-

support among some American

Jews for the right to express his

In a letter published Friday in the weekly newspaper The Forward, the National Council of Young Israel said Israel is opening the door of the Jewish Stafe to terrorists, including the architect of the Ma'alot massacre:

"Is Rabbi Hecht's crime worse than theirs?" the organization

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